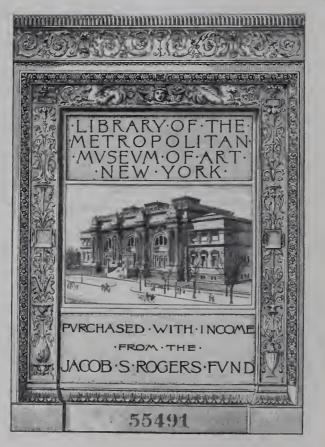
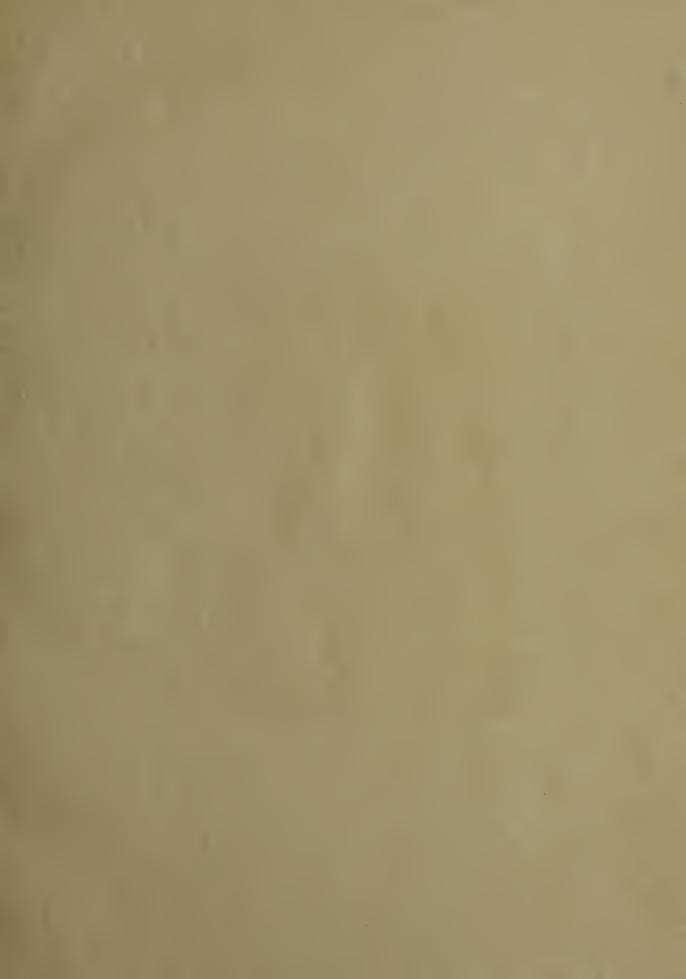


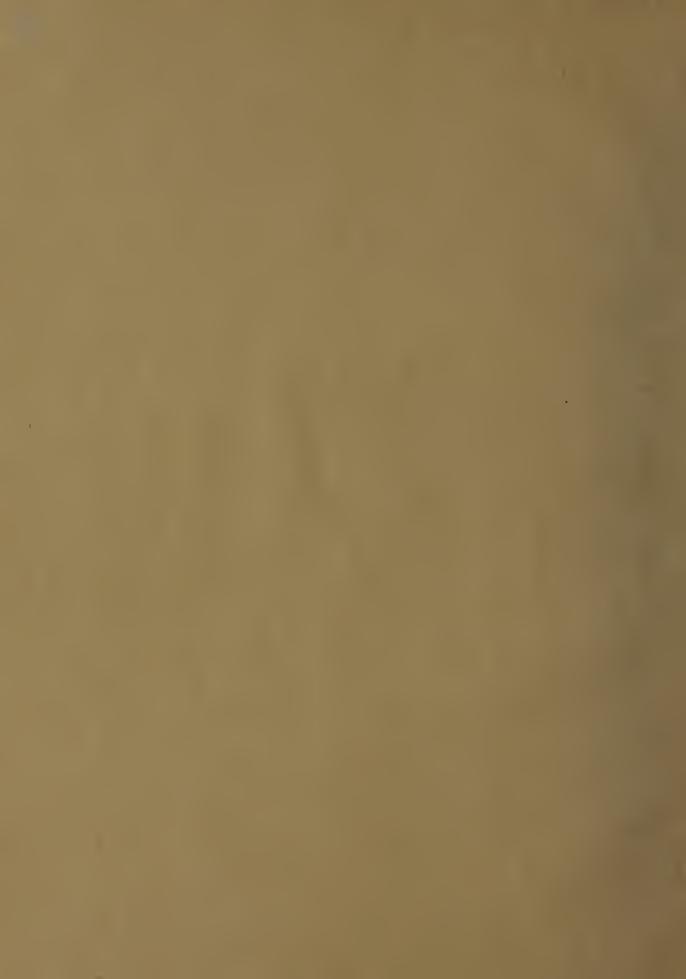


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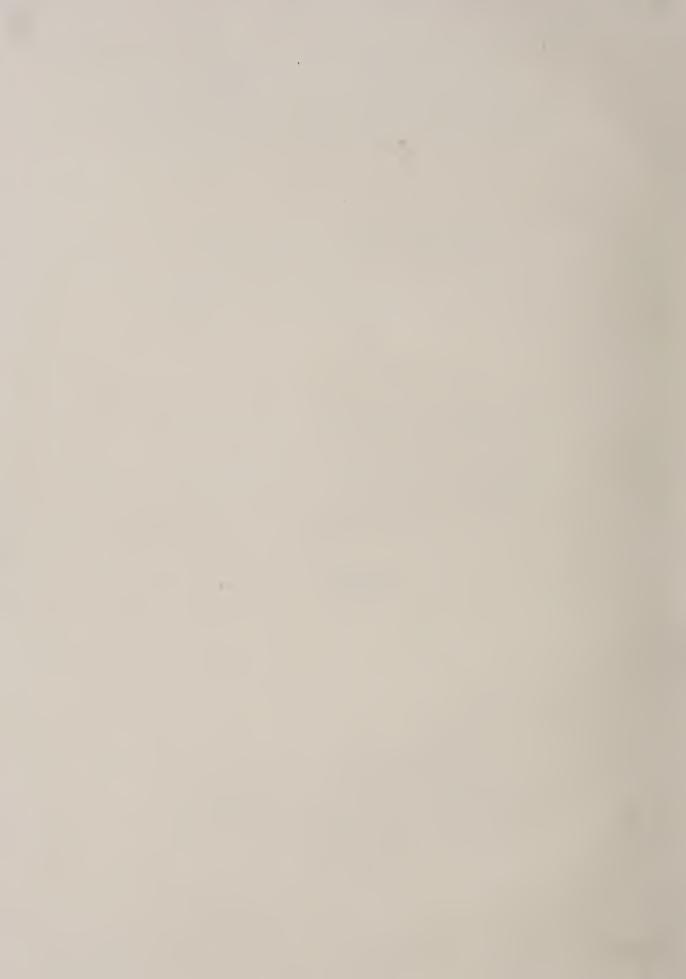
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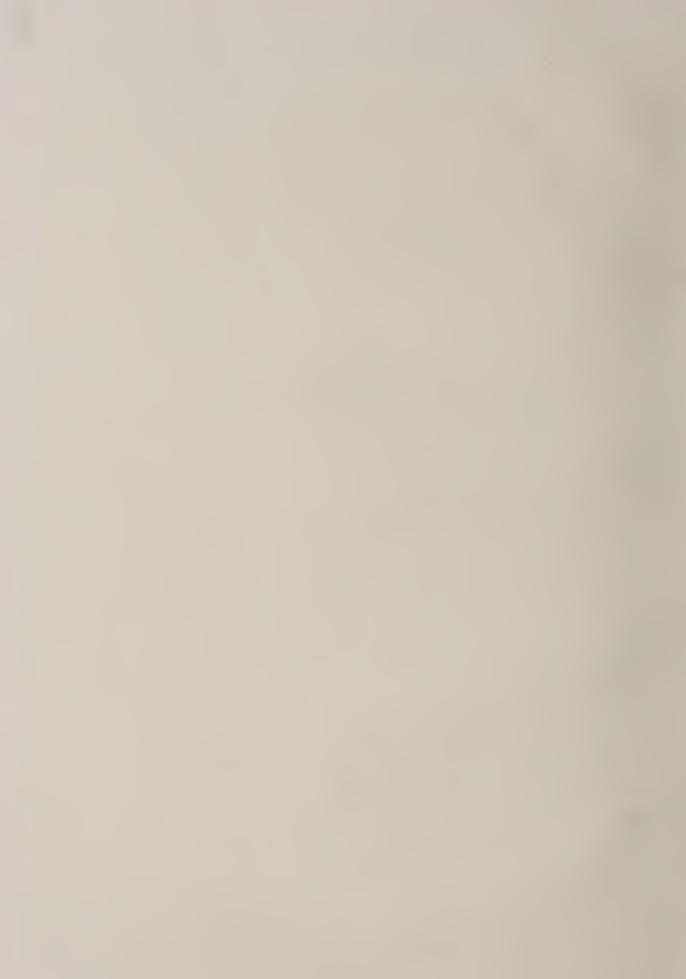
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# CATALOGUE



## FOREWORD



rofessor L. Grassi of Florence is so well known to the American public that in placing his splendid collection on exhibition and sale at the American Art Galleries other than the briefest introduction on our part would be unnecessary. During the past thirty years Professor Grassi has turned his attention firstly to paintings, and more particularly to those

of the Italian Renaissance. He has been the means of many masterpieces having found their way into European and American museums as well as into private collections. Although making paintings his chief objective he has always been known as a connoisseur of Italian art in its various expressions. One of his contributions to the study of Italian furniture was the classification of the various types according to the particular provinces in which they were made. I. Whilst searching for and assembling paintings, Professor Grassi included in his quest the acquisition of the finest examples of furniture, sculptures and textiles available in his native land and in this way gradually formed a private collection, which, with his consummate knowledge and unerring good taste, he succeeded in making one of the most valuable and widely known both in Europe and America—and which incidentally made a quite resplendent setting for his paintings as exhibited in his home, the Palace Montagliari. An unusual and important feature of the collection is the group of exquisite jewelry, the gathering of which was Professor Grassi's especial pleasure for many years; during this time he has acquired many rare specimens, including some truly marvelous examples from the Etruscan and Byzantine periods up to and including the eighteenth century. COwing to many circumstances Professor Grassi decided to dispose of his collection, and fortunately for his friends and patrons on this side of the water he chose New York as the city in which to hold the sale of these art objects, confident of the continued appreciation already shown by the art lovers and collectors of America in the really superb objects which he has to offer.

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#### INTRODUCTORY NOTE

Berlin, August 20, 1926

Dear Professor Grassi:

The news that you were to offer your wonderful collection of sculptures, furniture and other art objects at public sale in New York disturbed me so greatly that, as you know, I wrote you immediately protesting such treasures should not go out of the country. I was doubly grieved to receive your reply stating you had made your decision, and that you felt obliged to dispose of your collection, and to do so immediately. Since the hardships which we all had to endure after the war, make such a sale inevitable for you and I shall therefore not have the opportunity of seeing your collection again, I would like to pass in review once more some of the most noteworthy objects therein, and tell you briefly my opinion regarding them.

Twenty-five years ago, when I first wrote my book on Italian Furniture of the Renaissance, you and Elia Volpi and Stefano Bardini helped me very much by lending me photographs of some of the objects in your collections, and by telling me something of their provenience. Bardini's collection has long since been sold, and recently the Davanzati Palace with all its contents has also been sold. Your collection still remained as a splendid representative example of Italian Renaissance furniture, a group virtually intact, with the exception of the few pieces now belonging to Mr. Joseph Widener.

As your collection is to be dispersed on the other side of the Atlantic, it is most important for the history of art that good reproductions should appear in the catalogue and that adequate historical data be given of the provenience of the objects. They are all authentic, with no reconstructions whatever and preserving their original patine. You were fortunate in acquiring most of the pieces directly from the families for whom they were made, and many of the pieces bear the crests of the original owners. You must be sure to make this fact clear in your catalogue, as in this way we shall have in it a valuable document for the study of the development of the applied arts in Italy. Your chest of drawers [No. 524] is a very rare example of Florentine fifteenth century tarsia. Of the same epoch is the credenza with one door [No. 519] from the Strozzi Palace. The latter is an example of a simple and dignified type which was used for some time in the palaces of the most noble Florentine families, as is shown by another example [No. 555] made fifty years later, also coming from the Strozzi Palace. Contemporaneously, under the influence of Michelangelo, the rich pre-Baroque style developed — first called "the style of Vasari." Your hat-rack [No. 536] from the Michelozzi Palace is an excellent and a rare specimen of this particular type.

At the same time, to the Renaissance style in Siena Lorenzo Marsini added the quality of very rich ornamentation, thereby effecting a distinctive type, an example of which is shown in your superb credenza [No. 520] from the Palmieri Palace. The magnificent credenza [No. 348] with the large masks is not in the Florentine

taste, but rather belongs to the Umbrian-Sienese school. The cabinet which belonged to Marquis Niccolini [No. 544] is built in the more simple lines of the late Renaissance, but the top is an indication of the gay character of early Baroque. The small Florentine credenza [No. 525] with little columns again shows this transition to Baroque.

Your tables are among the rarest examples of Renaissance furniture. You were fortunate in collecting, over a period of many years, a relatively large number of them, which aside from their beauty are also valuable from the viewpoint of the history of art: The table for instance [No. 545] from the Guicciardini Palace is an example of the restrained simplicity of decoration characteristic of the early Renaissance; the larger table [No. 557] architecturally akin to the former, though more richly ornamented, impresses me as a masterpiece of Sienese art, circa 1550, while the table [No. 538] with the powerful lion-paw feet as well as the 'Rangoni table' [No. 537] reveal the style of the Bolognese Renaissance, circa 1600. The cassone [No. 554] from the Baldeschi Palace in Perugia, is a masterpiece of about the middle of the sixteenth century. In Perugia an excellent school of cabinet-makers developed at this time as a result of the long stay of Florentine craftsmen of the Tassi and Majani families. The workers in the school were under Florentine influence, but their proximity to Rome tended to their showing a preference for figure ornamentation, as is seen in this cassone from a noble Perugian family. The cassone portraying a cavalry engagement [No. 543] is noteworthy for its original, picturesque and massive carving. It was probably made in Rome, inspired by the reliefs on the ancient Roman sarcophagi.

Very characteristic of Sienese art is the coffret as well as the small chest with sculptured ornamentation, decorated with gilt stucco — both pieces very original and charming. The coffret [No. 531] with bas-reliefs in the primitive Gothic style represents fantastic animals hiding among bushes — evidently inspired by similar motives in Northern tapestries [Basle has some fine examples of this type]; the chest [No. 502] with harpies amongst the rushes, is in the style of the High Renaissance; inside the lid is a remarkable painting of the Sodoma school, representing the figure of 'Justice,' which indicates that it was intended to hold legal documents. Most important is the lovely Venetian cassone [No. 558] in a splendid state of preservation; the front panel depicting a lively hunting scene.

Ligurian and French furniture is represented by a number of very choice pieces, amongst which stands out the cabinet coming from the Manzi family in Lucca [No. 556], a truly marvelous example of the workmanship of the sixteenth century. Quite unusual is the large cupboard [No. 550] with richly sculptured panels portraying the story of Suzanne and the Elders, together with the other fine cabinet in two parts [No. 341] and the four armchairs in their original condition [Nos. 527, 528, 529, 530].

All of your chairs are certainly among the rarest and finest which it is possible to obtain in the artistic world today. I will mention only the Dantesque chairs [Nos.

526, 539, 547], the bronze and iron faldistorium [No. 339], the Savonarola chairs [Nos. 514, 515, 516, 517, 349, 326, 327], the leather armchairs [Nos. 344, 498, 522, 523] still preserving their upholstery intact, the velvet and the brocade covered armchairs [Nos. 379, 380, 381, 549], and the very fine carved sgabelli [Nos. 335, 310, 3104, 311, 312]; while the two pairs of sgabello pedestals [Nos. 356, 505] are among the very few examples existing of this kind. The interesting Venetian chairs [Nos. 540, 541], transformable into prie-Dieu by lifting the seats, are almost unique of their kind. Very important and very beautiful are the eighteenth century lacquered and gilded armchairs, remarkable for the wonderful preservation of the lacquer and for the beauty of their design [Nos. 542, 551, 552, 553]. Especially noteworthy are your reading stands [Nos. 501, 509, 331] and the writing table [No. 518].

Parting with these treasures of Renaissance furniture, your beautiful textiles and your superb collection of jewels, which I remember you commenced gathering some thirty years ago [and with which you have repeatedly told me you never would part!], will be the cause of real pain to you as well as to their and your ad-

mirers on this side of the ocean.

And now, in conclusion, may 1 add a few words in regard to your sculptures. Among the fourteenth century marbles from the Castle of Vincigliata the angel or saint, with her gaze turned upward, and carrying a stone in one hand [No. 573] is unquestionably a statue designed to adorn the facade of the Duomo in Florence. The various terra-cotta busts and groups are exceedingly fine — the one portraying a young woman with her hair falling loose over her shoulders [No. 571] is a splendid example of the end of the fifteenth century, the one of a young man wearing a coif [No. 560] probably belongs to the Bolognese school of Francia; the one of a man with curling hair and beard [No. 565] may in all probability be attributed to Francesco da Sangallo, and the statuette of the Madonna [No. 563] semi-life size, is a real masterpiece; I have always considered it an early work of Giovanni della Robbia.

Among the reliefs in stucco particularly noteworthy is the Madonna [No. 572], the marble of which by Alberto Alberti adorns the Giotto campanile in Florence. There is a replica of this group in the Berlin Museum, and yours may be considered one of the earliest stuccos existing. Most exquisite also is the *tondo* by Benedetto da Maiano [No. 577] of perfect coloring, and just as lovely is the relief of the Madonna and Child [No. 576] with its original *tabernacolo*, by Luca della Robbia, of the period when he was influenced by Donatello.

These few lines are an all too meagre appreciation of your most interesting and highly important collection, which is to be dispersed among the museums and collections of the United States.

[Signed] Wilhelm Bode

Note: In order to more easily identify the objects referred to by Dr. von Bode, the catalogue numbers have been inserted.—A. A. A.



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A Portion of the Collection in Professor Grassi's Residence, the Montagliani Palace in Florence

- I. SMALL ENAMELED BRONZE INSIGNIA Venetian, XVI Century In a gilded and enameled frame is enclosed the monogram, SMAR; surmounted by a crown, also in enameled and gilded bronze.
- Note: The workmanship of this and other similar examples indicates that they are of Venetian provenience, and the form of the letters of the monogram and of the crown, as well as the ornamentation of this piece prove it to be a production of the sixteenth century. It may have been the insignia of some "scuola" or fraternity in Venice called San Marcus, as the letters of the monogram would imply.
- 2. SMALL ENAMELED BRONZE FRAME Venetian, XVI Century Similar to the preceding frame, but with no insignia, the enamel in blue of and white.
- 3. SMALL ENAMELED BRONZE FRAME Venetian, XVI Century

  Similar to the preceding; enameled in various colors.
- 4. SMALL ENAMELED BRONZE FRAME Venetian, XVI Century

  17 50 Similar to the preceding.
  - 5. Bronze Candlestick Venetian, XV Century
    Bell-shaped, with saucer bobeche surmounted by slender cylindrical stem
    supporting candle-socket; damascened with shields, surrounded by scrollings; showing Oriental influence.

    Height, 8 inches
    - 6. Bronze Candlestick Venetian, XV Century
      Similar to the preceding, with slight difference in detail. Pierced balustered

      Height, 9 inches
  - 7. GILDED COPPER MANTEL CLOCK Flemish, XVII Century
    Rectangular; with pierced, pinnacled dome; on molded quadrangular base.

    Height, 11 inches
    - 8. Molded Brass Secchio, or Well-bucket Venetian, XV Century
      30 With Gothic trefoil bronze bail handle, having small loose ring handle secured to central lobe.

9. GOTHIC WROUGHT IRON LAVABO STAND

Tuscan, XV Century

On Gothic arched tripod base.

- Appliqued on a wooden foundation; in relief, with figures of Christ on the Cross, the Eternal Father, the Holy Mother, Saints and sacred symbols. Seven gilded balls are attached at the angles and one surmounts the cross.

  Height, 2 feet 4 inches
- Curious design; quadrangular shaft on trefoil base, forming the bobeche to which is attached a vertical band of strap iron forming the candle-socket.

  Height, 81/4 inches
- 12. GOTHIC GILDED BRONZE RELIQUARY Venetian, Early XV Century

  Hexagonal; architectural form, with six fenestral panels, separated by

  Doric columns, surmounted by pinnacles.

  Height, 8 inches
  - Oval; with central coat of arms in relief, surrounded by large floral scrollings.

    Length, 1 foot 9 inches
    From the Princess Narishkine
- 14. Two Bronze Candlesticks Florentine, XVI Century

  130 —Molded balustered shaft, on circular spreading base.

  Height, 1 foot 2 inches
  - In two sections; one to contain sand, and the other for ink; embossed leather, with animalistic and girali motives.

    From the Collection of Count Bianconcini di Bologna
- 16. GILDED FORGED IRON COFFRET Italian, Early XV Century

  17. Rectangular, with arched cover, decorated with flat bands of iron studded with nails; the sides with Gothic architectural panels.

Height, 1 foot 9½ inches
[See illustration]

70. HAMMERED COPPER WINE COOLER Tuscan, XVI Century
Oval, on flaring cylindrical base; beaded rim and finely volute-scrolled
Height, 1 foot 8 inches; width. 2 feet 1 inch

[See illustration]

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No. 16. GILDED FORGED IRON COFFRET



No. 17. Hammered Copper Wine Cooler



Bronze Mortars



No. 18. Bronze Inkstand

18. Bronze Inkstand Venetian, XVII Century
Bowl-shaped, with flat dome cover, surmounted by a pineapple finial; on
three cartouche- and rocaille-scrolled feet.

Height, 6¾ inches

From the Collection of Gabriele d'Annunzio

[See illustration]

19. Hammered Copper Jardiniere

Tuscan, XVI Century

50 Circular bowl, on flaring cylindrical base.

Height, 1 foot 21/2 inches; diameter, 1 foot 5 inches

The cover with sacred monogram surrounded by leaf scrollings; body with two coats of arms surrounded by laurel wreaths. An exceptionally fine example.

Height, 6¾ inches; width, 4½ inches

From the Collection of Count Bianconcini di Bologna

21. PAIR CARVED AND GILDED TORCHERES

In the manner of Sansovino, Venetian, XVI Century

/ 80 - Vase-balustered shaft, on a cartouche-scrolled triangular base, displaying
three amorino heads, terminating in lion-claw feet.

Height, 2 feet

22. Two Gothic Forged Iron Torcheres Tuscan, XV Century Slender quadrangular knopped shaft, terminating in saucer bobeche; on Gothic arched tripod base; red silk dome-shaped shade, bordered with gold galloon. The two torcheres may be appropriately used as a pair, though there is a slight difference in detail.

Height, 4 feet 6 inches

Flaring, bead molded rim; body with six balustered flanges separating panels adorned with masks and rosettes.

Umbrian, XVI Century
Flaring, bead molded rim; body with six balustered flanges separating panels

Height, 41/2 inches; diameter, 6 inches

[See illustration]

24. Bronze Mortar Venetian, XVI Century With ribbon festoons depending from lion masks and conventionalized leaf —medallions.

[See illustration]

#### MAJOLICAS

Vase-shaped body in characteristic Sienese colors, with Raphaelesque design; body divided horizontally by molded band; scrolled leaf cartouche below the spout; initialed.

26. RHODIAN DEEP PLATE

XVI Century

The cavetto adorned with stems of carnations and lilies in blues, amber 35. and green; the marli with vermiculate scrollings.

Diameter, 11 inches

27. RHODIAN DEEP PLATE

XVI Century

50. Similar to the preceding; the marli repeating the pattern of the cavetto.

Diameter, 101/2 inches

28. RHODIAN DEEP DISH

XVI Century

55 With upstanding design of carnations and other flowers in blue, green and yellow.

Diameter, 111/2 inches

29. RHODIAN DEEP DISH

XVI Century

The cavetto adorned with stems of carnations and lilies; marli with vermiculate scrollings in sepia and greens.

Diameter, 113/4 inches

30. RHODIAN DEEP DISH

XVI Century

The cavetto with detached floral motives in blues and greens; marli with gray-black vermiculate scrollings.

Diameter, 13 inches

31. RHODIAN DEEP DISH

XVI Century

The cavetto with central upstanding branch of tiny blue flowers surrounded by festoons of carnations; marli with golden-green circular scrollings.

Diameter, 103/4 inches

32. RHODIAN DEEP DISH

XVI Century

The cavetto with geometrical, stellate and floral motives in blues, terracotta and green; narrow marli with similar motives.

Diameter, 12 inches

33. RHODIAN DEEP DISH

XVI Century

Cavetto with central motive of conventionalized floral petals in greens and red-brown; the marli with detached floral petals, with blue added.

Diameter, 10 inches

34. RHODIAN DEEP DISH XVI Century The cavetto with beautiful upstanding spray of lilies and further flowers 30. in relief, in blues, red and green; marli with vermiculate sepia scrollings. [Slight defect in base.] Diameter, 93/4 inches 35. RHODIAN DEEP DISH XVI Century The cavetto with carnation sprays in old-red on a blue background; marli 30 with scrollings in deep brown. Diameter, 10 inches 36. RHODIAN DEEP DISH XVI Century 40 Similar to the preceding; on an ivory background. Diameter, 10 inches 37. RHODIAN DEEP DISH XVI Century The cavetto with sprays of lilies and further flowers in rose, blues and green; 25 the marli with geometrical motives in similar colors. Diameter, 101/4 inches XVI Century 38. RHODIAN DEEP PLATE The cavetto with allover decoration of lilies in blues and red carnations 65. amid green foliage; the marli with deep brown vermiculate scrollings. Diameter, 101/4 inches 39. RHODIAN DEEP PLATE XVI Century 80 Similar to the preceding; the floral design not so closely placed. Diameter, 101/4 inches 40. RHODIAN DEEP DISH XVI Century The cavetto displaying a jug filled with flowers, surrounded by floral sprays; marli with geometrical pattern. Diameter, 10 inches 41. RHODIAN DEEP DISH XVI Century The cavetto with four upstanding sprays of lilies, carnations and corn-35 flowers in blues, greens and terra-cotta; marli with detached floral sprays. Diameter, 101/4 inches 42. RHODIAN DEEP DISH XVI Century Similar to the preceding, with variance in detail.

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43. RHODIAN DEEP DISH

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Similar to the preceding, with slight variance in detail.

Diameter, 93/4 inches

Diameter, 10 inches

XVI Century

44. RHODIAN DEEP DISH

XVI Century

40 \_ Similar to the preceding, with slight variance in detail.

Diameter, 101/4 inches

45. SMALL RHODIAN WATER PITCHER XVI Century
Bell-shaped, with twisted loop handle, with floral design; curved trough
45. spout.

Height, 43/4 inches

46. Rhodian Deep Dish

The cavetto with arabesque design and central stellate rosette in blues, greens and terra-cotta; the marli with detached green floral motives. [Marli slightly damaged.]

Diameter, 11 inches

47. RHODIAN DEEP DISH

The cavetto with delicate patterning of growing carnations and lilies in greens, blues and reds; scrolled marli.

Diameter, 12 inches

48. Rhodian Deep Dish

\*\*XVI Century Cavetto with beautiful floral tracery of carnations and tiny blue flowers radiating from blue spear-shaped foliage.

Diameter, 121/4 inches

49. RHODIAN WINE JUG XVI Century
Pear-shaped, with loop handle; displaying detached conventional floral
motives.

Height, 83/4 inches

#### BROCADES, DAMASKS, VELVETS

All of the galloons, fringes and tassels are of the period. The linings are also of the period with a few exceptions.

50. WINE-RED VELVET CUSHION Tuscan, XVII Century
With central escutcheon of the Corsini family, embroidered in gold and silver threads. Silver galloon border, with tassels at the corners.

51. Two Crimson Velvet Cushions Italian, XVI Century

Embroidered in red silk with chevroned design.

52. Amber Velvet Cushion Florentine, XVI Century With central appliqued gold-embroidered escutcheon; edged with gold cord and heavy gold tassels at the corners. In original condition.

53. CRIMSON DAMASK COVER Venetian, XVI Century
Woven with allover floral design. Lined with blue floral damask making
the piece double sided.

3 feet 61/2 inches by 3 feet 6 inches

54. Embroidered Crimson and Ivory Satin Panel

French, XVII Century

75-Alternate strips of crimson and ivory satin, embroidered with small floral design. Bordered with silver galloon.

Length, 5 feet 1 inch; width, 3 feet 3 inches

55. Small Green and Purple Damask Hanging

Italian, XVII Century

60-Woven with palmette design in purple on a green background; trimmed with gold galloon, embroidered in red and green silks. Green silk fringe at lower edge.

3 feet 11 inches by 2 feet 11 inches

56. SILK-EMBROIDERED TABLE COVER

Large allover floral and animalistic designs in old-yellow, maroon, rose and 225 blue; edged with gold fringe.

8 feet 10 inches by 6 feet 7 inches

57. SILVER AND GREEN BROCADE COVER Venetian, Early XVII Century Woven with floral scrollings in silver and deep green silks on a pale green background; old-yellow silk fringe. Lined in golden-toned silk.

3 feet square

58. Two Crimson Cut Velvet Cushions Italian, XVI Century Bound with red silk cord, with tassels at the corners. Leather back.

59. CRIMSON CUT VELVET CUSHION

Italian, XVI Century

Similar to the preceding.

60. CRIMSON DAMASK COVER

Woven with allover design in relief of flowers and scrollings. Edged with gold fringe.

3 feet 6 inches by 3 feet 4 inches

61. SMALL EMBROIDERED CRIMSON SATIN COVER Sienese, XVI Century Central medallion with representation of St. Catherine, surrounded by floral scrollings embroidered in multicolored silks and gold threads; the corners and border similarly embroidered.

2 feet square

62. SILVER AND BLUE BROCADE COVER Venetian, XVII Century
Woven with scrollings in gold threads on an old-blue background; bordered with gold galloon. Blue linen lining.

3 feet 11 inches by 3 feet 2 inches

63. GREEN AND GOLDEN-YELLOW DAMASK COVER Tuscan, XVI Century Allover design of *candelabro* and floral motives woven in golden-yellow on a green background. Trimmed with gold galloon.

3 feet 91/2 inches by 3 feet 3 inches

64. SILVER BROCADE COVER

Characteristic Luccan foliage pattern, with spear-shaped leaves in silver

threads with purple added, on a pearl-gray background. Yellow silk fringe.

3 feet 2 inches by 3 feet 6 inches

65. IVORY FLORAL BROCADE COVER Venetian, XVII Century With large conventionalized scrollings in green and rose silks and gold threads on an ivory background; bordered with gold galloon. Lined with rose silk.

4 feet 2 inches by 3 feet 4 inches

- 66. GOLD APPLIQUE CRIMSON SATIN COVER Florentine, XVI Century
  With central applique displaying a coat of arms with a lion rampant, embroidered in gold threads; the four corners with carnations and other flowers embroidered in gold; edged with gold fringe. Lined with yellow silk.

  3 feet 3 inches by 3 feet 1 inch
- 67. GOLD AND BLUE BROCADE COVER Venetian, XVI Century Woven with detached palmette design in gold threads and rose silks on an old-blue background; bordered with gold galloon. Lined in cerulean-blue silk.

3 feet 5 inches by 3 feet 1 inch

68. Embroidered Gold Brocade Table Runner

Sicilian, XVII Century

Embroidered with detached bouquets of peonies in rose and green silks on a gold background, woven with gold foliage outlined in embroidered red silks. Multicolored silk galloon border; two ends with silk fringe displaying tiny floral tassels at intervals. Lined in green silk.

Length, 5 feet; width, 1 foot 8 inches

69. PASTEL-BLUE AND GOLDEN SILK

ALTAR FRONTAL

Florentine, XVII Century

130.—Detached floral design woven in gold threads on a blue background; divided vertically into two panels with bands of gold and silver galloon and with gold and blue silk fringe at the lower edge.

6 feet 8 inches by 3 feet 2 inches

70. PASTEL-BLUE AND GOLDEN SILK

ALTAR FRONTAL

Florentine, XVII Century

/ 20 - Similar to the preceding.

5 feet 1 inch by 3 feet 2 inches

71. GREEN DAMASK COVER TRIMMED

WITH GOLD FRINGE

Florentine, XVII Century

30. With pineapple and leafage design in purple en relief.

2 feet square

72. EMBROIDERED LINEN COVER

Tuscan, XVI Century

Embroidered with detached sprays of crimson flowers geometrically placed

730 on an ivory background; red silk lace border at one end.

4 feet 10 inches by 2 feet 5 inche

73. SILVER BROCADE COVER

Tuscan, XVII Century

Detached sprays of flowers woven in silver threads on a deep blue ground; 150 edged with gold galloon.

4 feet by 3 feet 1 inch

74. GOLD AND GREEN FLORAL BROCADE COVER

Venetian, XVII Century

Woven with a design of serpentined thistle sprays in gold and silver threads on a green background. Edged with gold lace.

6 feet 5 inches by 3 feet 6 inches

. 75. GREEN VELVET COVER

Umbrian, XVII Century

Beautiful cut and uncut velvet with conventionalized floral motives on a peach-toned background. Bordered with gold galloon and fringed.

4 feet 8 inches by 2 feet 10 inches

76. AQUAMARINE VELVET COVERLET Genoese, XVIII Century With a beautiful silvery sheen; trimmed with bands of silver galloon and silver fringe at border.

5 feet 8 inches by 5 feet

77. APPLIQUED EMBROIDERED IVORY TAFFETA ALTAR FRONTAL Italian, XVII Century 80. With large detached sprays of peonies in rose, appliqued embroidered on an ivory taffeta background. With bands of gold and silver galloon and deep gold fringe at the lower edge. 7 feet 4 inches by 3 feet 1 inch 78. GOLD BROCADE HANGING Umbrian, XVII Century With vertically placed conventionalized floral motives woven in gold threads **70.** on a rose moire silk background, shot with gold threads. 6 feet 5 inches by 4 feet 4 inches 79. APRICOT BROCADED VELVET COVER Tuscan, XVII Century Conventionalized floral design in beautiful apricot-toned velvet on an ivory

3 feet 8 inches by 2 feet 8 inches

80. Small Plum-colored Velvet Cover Genoese, XVII Century 45-Bordered with gold lace. Lined in old-rose silk. 8 feet square

81. Large Canary-Yellow Moire SILK COVERLET French, Louis XVI Period 200. Bordered with self-toned silk galloon. A beautiful specimen in a fine state of preservation. 9 feet 7 inches by 9 feet 1 inch

82. OLIVE-GREEN VELVET CUSHION Italian, XVI Century With appliqued papal coat of arms of the Corsini family embroidered in 60. Thues, yellow and green; green silk tassels at the corners. Leather back.

Italian, XVI Century 83. OLIVE-GREEN VELVET CUSHION 180 Similar to the preceding.

84. ECRU BROCATELLE COVER Italian, Early XVI Century Woven in greens, light blue and red, on an ecru background, displaying 110. flowers and candelabro motives.

5 feet by 5 feet 4 inches

85. PEACH-TONED BROCATELLE PORTIERE Florentine, XVII Century Pomegranate and foliage design in peach-tone on a golden-yellow back-140 · ground.

Height, 7 feet 4 inches; width, 5 inches

86. PEACH-TONED BROCATELLE PORTIERE Florentine, XVII Century

140 Similar to the preceding.

Height, 7 feet 4 inches; width, 5 feet

87. BEAUTIFUL BLUE DAMASK COVERLET Tuscan, XVII Century With large geometrically placed scrollings enclosing birds and blossoms. Broad valance, similar.

8 feet 7 inches by 7 feet 8 inches

88. Large Hungarian Point Cover XVII Century

140 Worked in yellow, blue, black and ivory silks, with corresponding fringe.

9 feet by 10 feet 4 inches
From the Baron De Stiebel

89. Two Crimson Cut Velvet Covers Italian, XVII Century
Arabesque and pineapple design in rose on a crimson background interwoven with gold threads. Bordered with narrow silver galloon.

1 foot 11 inches by 1 foot 9 inches

90. EMBROIDERED IVORY LINEN COVER Tuscan, XVI Century Embroidered with detached sprays of crimson flowers, geometrically placed on an ivory background; red and ivory linen fringe.

4 feet 6 inches by 3 feet 2 inches

- 91. Two Embroidered Ruby-red Velvet Cushions
- With floral panel design in relief bordered with silver and red silk fringe; tassels at corners.
- 92. AMETHYST VELVET COVER BORDERED

  WITH GOLD GALLOON Genoese, Late XVIII Century

  310. Bearing the imprint of previous embroidery.

  5 feet 6 inches by 6 feet 3 inches
  - 93. Blue Damask Cushion Tuscan, XVII Century
    Women with Florentine lily design; bordered with gold galloon with tassels
    at the corners.
- 94. Embroidered Crimson Velvet Cushion Florentine, XVI Century Central jardiniere motive, flanked by scrolled medallions, embroidered in gold threads, blue and green silks. Bearing the imprint of previous embroidery; bound with broad gold galloon with tassels at the corners. Backed with red silk.

2 feet 10 inches by 1 foot 8 inches

95. Appliqued Embroidered Blue Silk Tuscan, XVI Century Table Cover 350 Embroidered with girali motives in crimson and ivory silks on a blue silk 9 feet 31/2 inches by 7 feet 10 inches 96. CERULEAN-BLUE BROCADE COVER Italian, XVIII Century 10 -Woven with floral design in silver threads; and bordered with silver galloon. Length, 5 feet 11 inches; width, 5 feet 4 inches 97. GOLD AND ROSE-CRIMSON BROCADE TABLE RUNNER Venetian, XVII Century Large floral scrollings in gold and silver threads and multicolored silks on a two-toned rose-crimson background. Edged with gold galloon. Lined with ivory-white silk. Length, 5 feet; width, 1 foot 9 inches 98. GOLD AND SILVER BROCADE ALTAR FRONTAL Luccan, XVI Century Floral design woven in gold threads on a yellow background and divided vertically into panels by bands of gold galloon; panel at top bordered with silver galloon; silver fringe at bottom. 5 feet 2 inches by 3 feet 2 inches Florentine, XVII Century 99. Amber Cut Velvet Cover Exhibiting Renaissance motives in amber velvet on a drap d'argent background. Bordered with silver galloon. 3 feet 9 inches square 100. Genoese Peluche Hanging XVII Century Deep shaggy pile; displaying a large jardiniere filled with flowers and flanked 140 by monkeys; surmounted by festooned drapery, chiefly in reds, greens, yellows and blues. [Considerably worn.] 101. EMERALD-GREEN VELVET HANGING

Italian, XVII Century Trimmed with bands of gold galloon, and fringed. Reverse side of drap 250 d'or; shaped ends.

Length, 11 feet 7 inches; width, 1 foot 10 inches

Venetian, XVII Century 102. FLORAL BROCADE COVER Woven with a floral design in pinks, blue, maroon and gold threads on an ivory taffeta background; bordered with gold galloon. 4 feet 4 inches by 3 feet 3 inches

103.	GOLDEN-IVORY	Appliqued	Embroiderei
	ALTAR FRONTAL		

Florentine, XVI Century

Red, gold and green lamé, applique in arabesques enclosing pineapple motives with floral motives scrolling therefrom, outlined with gold threads; panel at crown, with the design repeated in miniature; crimson satin scrolled valance, embroidered with gold threads; gold and crimson silk fringe at lower edge.

Height, 3 feet 1 inch; length, 7 feet 5 inches

JO4. PURPLE CUT VELVET COVER

Small floral design in purple on a silver-toned background; trimmed with silver galloon; silk-lined.

5 feet 1 inch by 4 feet 2 inches

Woven with gold threads displaying wheat-sprays scrolling from geometrically placed vase forms on a crimson background. Bordered with gold galloon and edged with red and gold fringe.

3 feet square

With panels in deeper rose taffeta at either end, embroidered with floral scrollings in green and yellow silks and gold threads. Narrow border about the entire piece repeating the design of the panels and edged with gold lace.

5 feet 5 inches by 3 feet 4 inches

Woven with floral and spear-shaped leaf pattern; paneled at one end; border of silver galloon.

6 feet 10 inches by 4 feet 7 inches

Fragonard-Rose Satin Coverlet French, XVIII Century
Beautiful rose satin; bordered with gold galloon, embroidered with rose
silk. Two rounded corners.

9 feet by 8 feet 5 inches

With allover pattern of birds, vases, ships, personages and the like. Lace border.

4 feet 1 inch by 3 feet

From the Ormond Collection

Woven with large floral silver-toned scrollings and cornucopiae, on a rose background; edged with gold galloon. Lined with pink silk.

5 feet 9 inches by 3 feet 5 inches

111. EMBROIDERED ECRU LINEN TABLE RUNNER Italian, XVI Century With narrow and broad bands at the ends of geometrical and floral scroll-/ 90 ings centring mascarons. Fringed.

Length, 5 feet 7 inches; width, 1 foot 8 inches

From the Ormond Collection

112. Two Gold- and Silver-Embroidered Valances Italian, XVI Century Bold design of cornucopiae surrounded by scrollings and holding bunches 260 of grapes, worked in gold and silver threads and green silk in relief appliqued on a gray silk background. Gold galloon at top and trilobed border at bottom, repeating the design of the valance in a smaller pattern.

4 feet 4 inches by 1 foot 4 inches

113. GREEN BROCADE COVER Venetian, XVIII Century Woven with detached floral sprays in rose, ivory and gold threads on a green background; bordered with gold galloon and fringed, with four gold tassels at the corners.

3 feet square

114. SILK-EMBROIDERED PANEL Spanish, Late XVI Century Medallioned foliage enclosing chrysanthemums and peonies in multi-16 colors in high relief, monkeys, cocks, parrots and other birds perched on the medallion motives; on a pearl-gray couched background.

7 feet 7 inches by 10 inches

Note: Exceptionally fine embroidery in a truly interesting and unusual design.

From the Ormond Collection

[See illustration]

115. SILK-EMBROIDERED PANEL Similar to the preceding.

Spanish, Late XVI Century

**70** From the Ormond Collection

Length, 7 feet; width, 10 inches

[See illustration]

116. SILK-EMBROIDERED PANEL Similar to the preceding.

Spanish, Late XVI Century

Length, 7 feet; width, 10 inches

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SILK EMBROIDERED PANEL [See Nos. 114-119]



Similar to the preceding.

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Spanish, Late XVI Century Length, 7 feet 5 inches; width, 9 inches

[See illustration]

Similar to the preceding.

Spanish, Late XVI Century

Length, 6 feet 6 inches; width, 10 inches

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[See illustration]

Similar to the preceding.

Spanish, Late XVI Century

11 feet 8 inches by 9 inches

From the Ormond Collection

[See illustration]

120. SILK-EMBROIDERED PANEL Similar to the preceding.

Spanish, Late XVI Century

Length, 8 feet; width, 9 inches

70 From the Ormond Collection

### FURNITURE, MARBLES, TERRA-COTTAS

121. POLYCHROMED TERRA-COTTA STATUETTE

of an Apostle

Roman, XVII-XVIII Century

60 The bearded apostle is standing, wearing a robe and a mantle. He holds a book in his left hand, while his left arm is raised in exhortation.

Height, 1 foot 10 inches

Note: Undoubtedly executed as a model for a larger work, which is probably in some church in Rome, for the statuette is of the Roman school.

POLYCHROMED TERRA-COTTA FIGURE Neapolitan, XVIII Century
THE SLAVE. Standing male figure, bearing a heavy sack upon his shoulders.

Height, 1 foot 5 inches

123. SCULPTURED MARBLE STATUETTE

School of Mino da Fiesole, Florentine, XV Century
THE SAVIOR IN THE ACT OF BLESSING. Standing figure, holding a globe in
His left hand, while His right hand is raised in the act of blessing. [A portion of the right hand is missing and a corner of the plinth.]

Height, 1 foot 61/2 inches

70 Scrolled lyre-shaped back, with central carved cartouche; on scrolled lyre-shaped supports.

125. PAIR CARVED WALNUT SIDE CHAIRS

Tuscan, XVI Century

Carved and gilded acanthus finials to back supports; seat and back covered

in red floral damask.

Pierced carved back, displaying conventionalized stems scrolling from a Jardiniere and supporting perched birds. Octagonal seat with chevron motived edge; on three flaring turned legs.

Two Painted and Gilded Stools Venetian, XVIII Century Cabriole legs, painted blue and gilded; the seat covered in cerulean-blue damask, woven with scrollings of wheat sprays and blossoms.

128. Two Painted and Gilded Stools Venetian, XVIII Century

150 Similar to the preceding.

WALNUT COFFRET

Western Walnut Coffret

Western Walnut Coffred

Western Walnut Coffred

Umbrian, XVI Century

Rectangular; the body and cover molded and richly carved with composition of foliage, scrolling vines and geometrical designs.

Length, 1 foot 5 inches; width, 1 foot

[See illustration below]



GROUP IN TABERNACOLO FRAME

Lombardian, XV Century

MADONNA AND CHILD. The Madonna is seated, while the Child is standing on her right knee. [The tabernacolo frame is partly restored.]

- Hexagonal, with molded panels. The front panel is horizontally divided in two sections, the upper one arranged to open, disclosing a shelf-seat, thereby transforming the credenzina into a stall.
  - Canted back, elaborately carved with floral pinnacles and chevroned border; on three splayed legs.

Note: The date 1835 has been carved on this sgabello at a later period.

- Rusticated carved back rail and supports with four balusters; scrolled pediment; quadrangular legs and rush seat.
- 134. CARVED WALNUT HANGING HATRACK Tuscan, XVI Century
  Molded cornice and dentiled frieze; paneled back, each panel centring a
  baluster-turned peg for hanging; molded outset base.
  - 135. Sculptured Marble Bust of

A PATRICIAN

Of dignified mien, wearing a beard, a flat round cap, tightly buttoned coat and a cloak thrown about his shoulders. In front of him is his coat of arms bearing the inscription: Doulx qui ne touche.

Height, 111/2 inches

[Companion to the following]

136. Sculptured Marble Bust of

A PATRICIAN LADY

French, XVI Century

Presumably the wife of the patrician portrayed in the preceding number. She is dressed in the rich costume of the sixteenth century and holds a scroll, in the centre of which is a coat of arms.

Height, 111/2 inches

[Companion to the preceding]

137. CARVED AND GILDED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET SIDE CHAIR

Tuscan, XVI Century

- Quadrangular supports, scrolled top rail and rosette-carved median rail; quadrangular legs with pierced carved frontal stretcher and plain side stretchers. Seat covered in crimson velvet a deux hauteurs; fringed.
  - 138. Carved and Parcel-Gilded Walnut

CRIMSON VELVET SIDE CHAIR Tuscan, XVI Century

- / 10 Quadrangular supports, scrolled top rail and rosette-carved median rail; square legs, with pierced carved frontal stretcher and plain side stretchers. Seat covered in crimson velvet; fringed.
- Octagonal seat, on lyre-shaped supports, the front one with molded rosette;

  fan-shaped back, side and central vertical imbricated panel. Scrolled

pediment.

- 140. CARVED WALNUT FAN-SHAPED SGABELLO Tuscan, XVI Century

  100. Similar to the preceding.
- 141. CARVED WALNUT FAN-SHAPED SGABELLO Tuscan, XVI Century

  100 Similar to the preceding
  - 142. Polychromed and Gilded Papier-mache
    Bas-relief

Venetian, XVII Century

150.—The Madonna and Child. Seated figure of the holy Mother holding the Child, against a cloud formation; principally in reds and dark green. In original frame displaying conventionalized foliage and husk motives in gilding. Oval.

Diameter, 1 foot 51/2 inches

143. TERRA-COTTA GROUP

Tuscan, XVII Century

- Portraying the Deposition from the Cross.
- Incurved boat-shape, with high scrolled ends, terminating at the feet in pierced cross rockers; decorated with garlands of roses and foliage and gilded scrollings.

Height, 3 feet 2 inches; length, 4 feet



No. 144. Green Lacquered and Gilded Cradle





No. 150. Carved Walnut
Side Chair

No. 148. Carved Walnut Sgabello

145. WALNUT GREEN VELVET STOOL Tuscan, XVI Century Rectangular; on four baluster turned legs, with valanced box stretcher; / 60 - seat covered in lustrous green velvet. Fringed.

146. CARVED WALNUT CREDENZA Tuscan, XVI Century Molded top; the frieze with two scroll-carved drawers, having bronze knobs; two doors below, opening to disclose interior with one shelf; panels 190. to doors as well as the side panels with lozenge-shaped moldings, flanking pilasters with carved cartouches terminating in patera motives.

Height, 3 feet 1 inch; width, 3 feet

147. CARVED WALNUT BLUE VELVET Nursing Chair

Florentine, XVII Century

- 160 Flute-molded back supports, with three tiny balusters connecting cross rail and shaped incise-carved pediment; legs similarly flute-molded to back supports; box stretcher; seat covered in blue velvet.
- 148. CARVED WALNUT SGABELLO Florentine, XVI Century Lyre-shaped back, carved in high relief with cartouche and volute scrollings; 25 frontal support with jardiniere holding fruit; terminating in two lion-claw Feet. Back support similar.

# [See illustration]

149. Two Gothic Forged Iron Torcheres Tuscan, XV Century Cylindrical knopped shaft, on Gothic arched tripod base. Red silk domed shade, trimmed with gold galloon.

Height, 4 feet 6 inches

150. SMALL CARVED WALNUT SIDE CHAIR Tuscan, XVI Century Beautiful example of Florentine carving. Guilloche-carved pediment surmounted by scrollings; quadrangular supports, carved at top with scrolled acanthus-leaf finials; the quadrangular legs also guilloche-motived with carved frontal stretcher and plain side and rear stretchers.

#### [See illustration]

151. CARVED WALNUT ARMCHAIR Italian, XVI Century Flat molded arms on turned supports; quadrangular legs on flat base rails terminating in curious lion-claw feet. Seat and square paneled back covered in golden-yellow velvet, bordered with cut velvet galloon; fringed; back supports surmounted by gilded acanthus-leaf finials. Very rare type.

152. CRIMSON VELVET WALNUT BANQUETTE Tuscan, XVI Century Six blocked and baluster-turned legs, with ring-turned and balustered box stretcher. Seat covered in crimson velvet, finished with cut velvet border; fringed.

Height, I foot 8 inches; length, 3 feet; width, I foot 3 inches

- 153. CRIMSON VELVET WALNUT BANQUETTE Tuscan, XVI Century

  300 Similar to the preceding.
- 154. SMALL WALNUT TABLE

  Florentine, XVI Century

  Molded top and frieze; blocked and baluster-turned legs and box stretcher.

  Height, 1 foot 10 inches; length, 2 feet 7 inches
- SIDE CHAIR Florentine, XVI Century

  Square back supports enclosing a panel of tooled and gilded leather displaying three jardinieres filled with flowers and further floral scrollings and bordered by rosetted bands; acanthus-carved finials; red silk fringe. A most interesting example in original condition.
- CRIMSON VELVET STOOL

  On cylindrical turned legs, terminating in carved vase-shaped feet, partially gilded; octagonal seat in crimson velvet, with silk tasseled fringe.

  [See illustration]
- ARMCHAIR Piedmontese, XVII Century

  Molded arms on balustered supports and gilded acanthus-leaf finials to back supports extending into similar legs; flat base rails terminating in lion-claw feet; seat and back in crimson floral damask.
- Cabriole legs, terminating in lion-claw feet; molded X-stretcher; frieze to seat carved in relief; seat covered with crimson velvet, exhibiting chevroned pattern and trimmed with a band of gold galloon. Frame parcel-gilded.

  [See illustration]

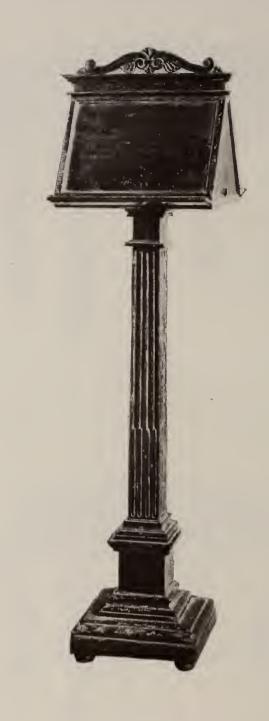


No. 156



No. 158

CARVED AND GILDED CRIMSON VELVET STOOLS



No. 163. Carved Walnut Lectern

159. CARVED WALNUT GREEN LOW

CHAIR Brescian, XVI Century
Quadrangular arm supports, terminating in finely carved volute-scrolled
finials; the back carved in relief, centring a coat of arms; quadrangular
legs, carved with Greek key pattern; similar frontal and rear stretcher,
scrolled side stretchers; seat covered in reseda-green velvet, studded with
gilded bronze rosette nails.

- 160. CARVED WALNUT FAN-SHAPED SGABELLO Tuscan, XVI Century

  65. Fan-shaped back with finely scrolled carved sides and pediment.
- Divided horizontally in two parts, the upper portion with overhanging molded cornice and fall-front, flanked by flute-molded pilasters and opening to disclose interior fitted with ten drawers—eight box-shaped and two long drawers beneath; with central niche having recessed carved throne, the seat of which forms a small drawer; lower cabinet with two drawers flanked by similar pilasters to top with molded knob handles; on molded plinth.

Height, 5 feet 2 inches; width, 3 feet 2 inches

The top divided in two sections, one of which lifts to disclose fitted desk; on turned cylindrical legs, button feet and box stretcher at base.

Length, 3 feet 10 inches; width, 1 foot 91/2 inches

Sloping book-rest with pierced carved pediment; on quadrangular flute-molded pedestal; supported on high molded plinth.

Height, 5 feet 5 inches

[See illustration]

164. Sculptured Marble Statue Florentine, XVI Century Hercules. The undraped hero stands, leaning with his left hand on his club, holding the lion-skin in his right hand.

Height, 1 foot 7 inches

Note: An unfinished work, particularly the face, which it is supposed was destined to represent Cosimo I. The resemblance of the figure to Michelangelo's David and the peculiarities of the treatment, which are decidedly like Michelangelo, would indicate the sculptor to have been a Florentine, about the middle of the sixteenth century.

165. CARVED OAK CABINET

Swiss, XVI Century

In two parts. The upper part with canopy adorned with pierced carved leafage and vine motives, supported by two shaped brackets; below is an outset drawer with carved panel. Rectangular lower section with two drawers with Gothic carved panels, the upper one with pierced forged iron lock plate, the lower one with ring handle. On molded base, the sides variously carved.

Height, 6 feet 4 inches; width, 2 feet 10 inches



No. 165. CARVED OAK CABINET



No. 166. CARVED OAK CASSONE



No. 167. Carved Walnut Cassone

#### 166. CARVED OAK CASSONE

French, XVI Century

The front divided into four rectangular panels, the two central ones forming doors, carved in relief with the bust of a lady and the bust of a warrior in profile respectively; the flanking panels, which are smaller, are also carved in relief and the right one displays two facing peacocks, while in the left panel are leaves and scrollings. The rectangular panels at either end have the usual linenfold decoration of French Gothic furniture. Plain, flat lid; the cassone resting on four high feet.

Height, 2 feet 5 inches; length, 4 feet 8 inches

[See illustration]

## 167. CARVED WALNUT CASSONE

Brescian, XVI Century

On the lid are three incised formelle, the central one with a carved rosette surrounded by foliage. On the front of the chest the same decoration is repeated, excepting that in the central formella instead of a rosette there is a crest with the initials R. v. Lion-paw feet, and at the bottom a baccelliera decoration. Paneled ends with forged iron lifting handles.

Height, 2 feet; length, 5 feet 8 inches

168. CARVED WALNUT WRITING TABLE Florentine, XVI Century

90. Rectangular top with gocciolatoio-carved frieze; two drawers below and writing slide; on vase-shaped end supports, connected by shelf stretcher.

Height, 2 feet 11 inches; length, 4 feet 11 inches; width, 2 feet 51/2 inches

Rectangular top with ovolo-carved paneled frieze, having one drawer with bronze handle; on columnar legs, with box stretcher.

Length, 2 feet 7 inches; width, 1 foot 8 inches

170. CARVED WALNUT PARCEL-GILDED ARMCHAIR

Florentine, XVI Century

//O .- Flat molded arms on balustered supports; acanthus-leaf carved and gilded frontal stretcher; flat base rails terminating in lion-claw feet.

171. CARVED WALNUT PARCEL-GILDED ARMCHAIR

Florentine, XVI Century

70 - Similar to the preceding; without stretcher.

Rectangular top with molded cornice; four brackets on each side and none at the ends. On two lyre-shaped supports connected by stretcher, which is "diamond-carved" and is wedged into the supports.

Height, 2 feet 81/2 inches; length, 5 feet 101/2 inches; width, 2 feet 6 inches



No. 172. Carved Walnut Centre Table



Walnut Green Damask Side Chair [See Nos. 173-174]

173. PAIR WALNUT GREEN DAMASK SIDE CHAIRS Tuscan, XVII Century Turned legs and stretchers; high canted back and seat covered in goldengreen damask, trimmed with silk galloon and fringe.

[See illustration]

174. PAIR WALNUT GREEN DAMASK SIDE CHAIRS Tuscan, XVII Century Similar to the preceding.

175. CARVED WALNUT CENTRE TABLE Florentine, XVI Century Massive rectangular top; on lyre-shaped end supports, each terminating in 525 two lion-claw feet.

Height, 2 feet 41/2 inches; length, 5 feet 8 inches

176. CARVED WALNUT CENTRE TABLE Florentine, XVI Century 225 Similar to the preceding. Height, 2 feet 41/2 inches; length, 5 feet 8 inches

177. CARVED WALNUT CREDENZA Florentine, XVI Century Molded top, with egg-and-dart carved cornice, having three short and two 250 long drawers, with bronze drop handles; below two doors, divided and flanked by flute molded pilasters; on molded plinth.

Height, 3 feet; length, 5 feet

- 178. Walnut Bookcase Tuscan, XVI Century Open upper portion with four shelves, lined with red damask; dentil-molded 275 cornice. Lower portion with two doors opening to disclose shelved interior; on bracket feet.
- 179. FRUITWOOD PRIE-DIEU CHAIR Venetian, XVI Century Scrolled arms and legs, X-shaped; the arms are hinged and together with the back rail lift, transforming the chair into a prie-Dieu. Seat and back 2 50 rail covered in crimson velvet, with raised velvet border; fringed.

[See illustration]

- 180. CARVED WALNUT DAMASK-COVERED Florentine, XVII Century Armchair Elaborately carved arms terminating in volutes; broad leaf-carved frontal stretcher; turned legs and side stretchers; the front legs finely volute-scrolled. Seat and back covered in crimson damask, with tassel fringe.
- 181. Carved Beechwood Savonarola Chair Tuscan, XVI Century With nine interlacing supports, the front ones carved with incised rosettes 4 75 within circles; narrow valance to seat also carved with rosettes; base rails terminating in lion-claw feet.
  - Tuscan, XVI Century 182. Carved Beechwood Savonarola Chair Similar to the preceding; with seven interlacing supports; somewhat higher.

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No. 179. Fruitwood Prie-Dieu Chair



HUNGARIAN POINT CARVED
WALNUT STATE CHAIR
[See No. 185]



No. 186. Carved Walnut Tooled and Gilded Leather Side Chair

3 75 as to fold; molded arms ending in ball terminals; carved back rail.

184. Model of a Carved Walnut

PARCEL-GILDED ARMCHAIR Florentine, XVI Century

- 40.—Flat molded arms, on quadrangular supports with carved and gilded brackets similar to finials to back supports; acanthus-leaf carved brackets to front legs; seat and back covered in green cut velvet, trimmed with gold lace.
- Two Hungarian Point Carved Walnut
  State Chairs

  Volute-scrolled arms; quadrangular legs; gilded acanthus-leaf finials to
  back supports; seat, apron and back covered in Hungarian point displaying
  birds amid leafage, the details in Italian petit point. In a fine state of
  preservation.

[See illustration]

LEATHER SIDE CHAIR Piedmontese, XVI Century

The back of tooled and gilded leather, secured with brass-headed nails;

central oval cartouche displaying escutcheon, surrounded by scrollings and allegorical figures depicting Rhetoric and Music in the side borders; on slender columnar front legs, with H-stretcher.

[See illustration]

HIGH-BACK SIDE CHAIRS

Florentine, XVI Century

Canted back, side rails supporting scrolled and parcel-gilded pediment with

incised Florentine Renaissance design; median rail similar; valanced base
stretchers at sides; seat covered in brown leather secured by double rows
of brass-headed nails. Green silk fringe.

188. Two Carved Walnut Parcel-Gilded

High-Back Side Chairs

Florentine, XVI Century

20. Similar to the preceding.

- 189. Two Beechwood Monastery Chairs Italian, XVI Century

  100 Back and legs of six interlacing staves, pivoted so as to fold; carved a sguscio; the head rail incised with circular medallion; flat base rails.
  - Inlaid with various colored woods in *certosina* work; the top of cover with a chessboard and the under side of cover similarly inlaid to the body, with a central panel adorned with the symbols of The Passion; front with central panel having incised carved coat of arms of a later date.

Length, 2 feet 5 inches; width, 1 foot 7 inches

191. CARVED WALNUT COFFRET

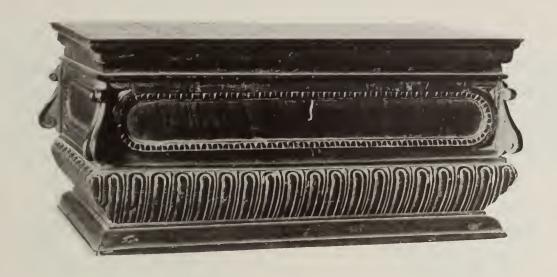
Sienese, XVI Century

Molded top, paneled frieze with outset volute-scrolled brackets at the angles;
gadroon-carved body, on molded plinth.

Length, 2 feet 2 inches; width, 1 foot 6 inches

[See illustration]

The front divided vertically in two panels by cartouche-carved stile; the panels with elaborate carvings. Gadrooned base supported by claw feet.



No. 191. CARVED WALNUT COFFRET



No. 192. SMALL CARVED WALNUT CASSONE



No. 193. Carved Walnut Library Table

Rectangular top; frieze with two drawers; on very fine lyre-shaped end supports, very sinuous in design and fretted; in the centre is a decoration intended to frame an armorial shield, but the idea was never carried out; the supports resting on flat rails terminating in volutes; shelf-stretcher placed low down. Fine patine.

Height, 2 feet 8 inches; length, 5 feet 8 inches; width, 2 feet 5 inches

[See illustration]

194. CARVED WALNUT CASSONE

Venetian, XVI Century

The front with two rectangular panels, flanked by caryatids and divided by a leonine mask from which depends a shield, and exhibiting, amidst very ornate scrollings, the allegorical figures of Fame and Peace. Lower down is a rosette device, from the centre of which radiates a cluster of entwined strap scrollings. On volute-scrolled feet, centring lion masks.

Height, 2 feet; length, 5 feet 8 inches

From the Golini Baldeschi family

[See illustration]

195. CARVED WALNUT CABINET A DEUX CORPS

Tuscan, End of the XVI Century

Divided horizontally in two parts, each with two molded sunk paneled doors, both opening to disclose one shelf in each; molded bases, and richly carved cornice to the superior cabinet.

Height, 6 feet 11 inches; width, 5 feet 8 inches



No. 194. Carved Walnut Cassone



No. 196. Carved and Gilded Walnut Centre Table

### 196. CARVED AND GILDED WALNUT CENTRE TABLE

Florentine, XVI Century

Hexagonal marble top, set in dentil-carved walnut frame. On very fine gilded pedestal, with median "plaited knot," a circle of leaves beneath, and above, in correspondence with the angles of the hexagonal top are heads of winged satyrs and scrolled leafage.

Diameter of top, 2 feet 8 inches

From the Count Guicciardini

197. GOTHIC CARVED WALNUT CASSONE Val d'Aosta, XV Century Front with three panels displaying carved pierced rosettes and further Gothic 550 motives.

Height, 2 feet 101/2 inches; length, 4 feet 41/2 inches



No. 197. GOTHIC CARVED WALNUT CASSONE



No. 198. MARBLE SARCOPHAGUS

## 198. Marble Sarcophagus

Roman, II-III Century

Carved in *haut-relief*, displaying two flying amorini supporting a circular medallion with a virile bust flanked on either side by two seated amorini; below the central medallion two reclining pagan gods and chimeric animals. the like.

Height, 1 foot 10 inches; length, 6 feet 3 inches

[See illustration]

[END OF FIRST SESSION]



# SECOND SESSION

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PAIR SMALL BRONZE CANDLESTICKS Venetian, XV Century Bell-shaped, with tall cylindrical stem, disc-shaped bobeche; the entire candlestick ornamented with richly chiseled floral and shield designs, touched with gold.

Height, 51/2 inches

200. COPPER BRAZIER

Circular bowl, with flat flaring rim; on spreading cylindrical base; scrolled loop handles.

Italian, XVIII Century

Circular bowl, with flat flaring rim; on spreading cylindrical base; scrolled

From the Ormond Collection

201. PAIR CARVED AND GILDED TORCHERES

In the Manner of Sansovino, Venetian, XVI Century

160 Balustered vase-shaped shaft, on cartouched triangular base, displaying
three angelic heads and terminating in claw feet.

Height, 2 feet

202. Two Gothic Forged Iron Torcheres Tuscan, XV Century

Quadrangular knopped shaft, on Gothic arched tripod base.

Height, 4 feet 3 inches

203. PAIR SMALL BRONZE CANDLESTICKS Venetian, XV Century Bell-shaped, with tall cylindrical handle forming the candle-holder; damas
Scened with scrollings exhibiting Oriental influence.

Height, 71/2 inches

Knopped shaft displaying characteristic Florentine Gothic tracery, enameled and incised with the Florentine lily and other designs. On spreading, fluted and pinnacled base.

Height, 63/4 inches

205. Tooled AND GILDED LEATHER GLOVE Box Venetian, XVI Century
Displaying dull red and gold arabesque design.



The loop handle and spout incised with masks and scrollings. Beautiful shape and fine patine.

Dutch, XVI Century

Height, 1 foot

[See illustration above]

207. WROUGHT IRON DOOT KNOCKER Florentine, XV Century Scrolled design of animals and floriations.

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#### ANCIENT FOOTGEAR

The following eight numbers comprise a group of babbucce or slippers of XV-XVI century types.

208. PAIR WHITE PIERCED LEATHER SLIPPERS Italian, XV-XVI Century
In the accompanying illustration of a painting by Giovanni da St. Giovanni
it is interesting to observe a pair of slippers similar to these.

[See illustration]

- 209. PAIR BROCADE BEDROOM SLIPPERS Florentine, XV Century

  A characteristic type of bedroom slippers worn by gentlemen of this period.

  [See illustration]
  - 210. PAIR YELLOW VELVET SLIPPERS Venetian, XVI-XVII Century Richly ornamented with gold lace; on high foundation.







No. 208. White Pierced Leather Slippers





No. 209. Brocade Bedroom Slippers





No. 210. YELLOW VELVET SLIPPERS



No. 217



No. 216. Venetian Glass and Gilded Bronze Candlestick



No. 217. Shell-shaped Silver Bowl and Coupe

211. PAIR VELVET SLIPPERS Venetian, XVI-XVII Century Similar to the preceding, but differing in color. 160-

212. PAIR VELVET SLIPPERS Similar to the preceding.

Venetian, XVI-XVII Century

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213. PAIR LEATHER SLIPPERS Venetian, XVI Century Of light blue leather, with painted decoration of flowers.

160 -

214. PAIR RED VELVET SLIPPERS

Italian, XVI Century

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215. PAIR BLUE VELVET SLIPPERS

Venetian, XVI Century

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216. VENETIAN GLASS AND GILDED BRONZE CANDLESTICK

In the Manner of Sansovino, XVI Century

Molded balustered stem, on bowl-shaped base in beautiful emerald-green 220. glass; enclosed in gilded bronze mounting, displaying winged angel heads, scrollings and the like. On three volute-scrolled feet.

Height, 1 foot 9 inches

[See illustration]

217. SHELL-SHAPED SILVER BOWL AND COUPE Venetian, XVII Century The bowl with ribbed vertical panels, the interspaces with flutings; on three shell-shaped feet. The coupe in the shape of a conch-shell, with sim-350 ilar design.

Height of coupe, I foot 7 inches; diameter of bowl, I foot II inches

From the Marquis Mauroner Collection

218. Bronze Mortar

Paduan, XVI Century

Enriched with guilloche and leaf motives at top; body with heart-shaped 100 - medallions interrupted by masks of Roman warriors and griffins, beneath leaf-scrolled festoons; gadroon-molded base; loop side handles.

Height, 51/4 inches

From Count Cittadella, Padua

[See illustration]

219. BRONZE MORTAR Paduan, XVI Century Molded rim, above band of detached grapevine sprays; on molded and acanthus-leaf motived base.

Height, 4 inches

From Count Cittadella, Padua

[See illustration]

220. Bronze Mortar Paduan, XVI Century Molded leaf-scrolled rim, with band of festoons and cornucopiae inter-300 rupted by heads of Roman warriors; on molded base. Very fine patine. Height, 31/2 inches

From Count Cittadella, Padua

[See illustration]

221. Bronze Mortar Tuscan, XVI Century Flaring rosetted rim; body with five panels displaying coat of arms, medaldelabro motives. Loop handle. lions enclosing symbols, and depiction of St. George, separated by can-

Height, 33/4 inches

[See illustration]

Signed, Nicola Spadaio, Florentine, XVI Century 222. Bronze Mortar Leaf-motived flaring rim and band below with scrolled dolphins; on molded

150 - base.
From Gabrielle d'Annunzio, Villa Capponcina, near Florence



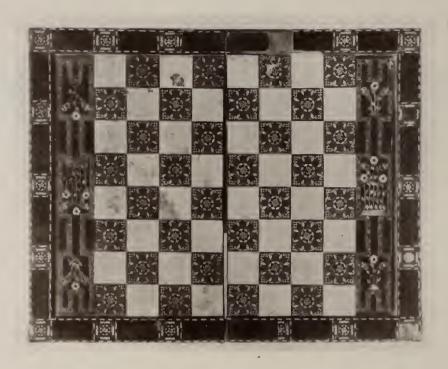


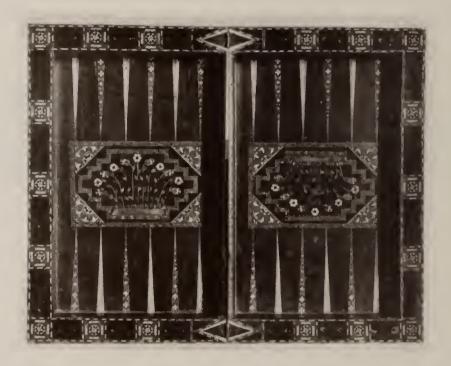




No. 218

Bronze Mortars





No. 223. IVORY AND EBONY INLAID CHESSBOARD

Italian, XV Century Intarsia inlay and polychromed geometrical motives, with vases of flowers.

Opening to disclose *tric trac* board with two rectangular panels enclosing curious flowers, the hinged central section rounded and having exceptionally beautiful inlay; chevroned outer edges; reverse with chessboard.

2 feet 1 inch by 1 foot 9 inches

Note: A very rare specimen of this exquisite type of workmanship, also on account of its splendid state of preservation.

From Count Galli, Piacenza

[See illustration]

#### XV-XVII CENTURY ARMOR

The following group of armor comes from Count Cittadella's Armory, in the Villa Saonara, near Padua.

- North Italian, Late XVI Century

  Iron; pear-shaped, fitted with round cap and ring for suspension; decorated with animals on a background of arabesques.
- In gilded bronze; pear-shaped, with cap in the form of a gryphon and spring spout for filling; richly decorated with geometrical borders and two medallions presenting flying birds.
- Gilded iron; flattened pear-shape, with a coat of arms on either side in silver, surrounded by scrollings and surmounted by the Florentine lily.
- French [?], XVII Century

  In steel; bell-shaped; probably intended for a lady.
- Venetian [?], Early XVI Century
  In steel; semicircular, with rings to secure leather strap to the stirrup bar
  by means of a screw.

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227. PAIR STIRRUPS

North Italian, 1500

Gilded bronze; in a fine state of preservation. High arched instep guards,

The sides richly decorated with figures of mermaids and animals.

### [See illustration]

North Italian, XVI Century

Apex diamond-shaped in section, and on each side of the blade is engraved a heron.

North Italian, Early XVI Century

Large apex, diamond-shaped in section, and bearing at the base of the blade the armorer's mark.

Partisan North Italian, Late XVI Century
Base of blade and sides of shaft etched with foliage, surrounding on either side a coat of arms, flanked by the letters L and N. Fragment of the handle only.

231. LANGUE DE BŒUF Italian, End of the XV Century

55. Early shaped blade, punched with geometrical decorations at the base.

In polished steel; seven flanged head, one of the flanges bearing the armorer's mark, the letters A and T within a coat of arms. The grip with chevroned design, and pierced for strap attachment.

# [See illustration]

In polished steel; seven flanged head, one flange bearing the armorer's mark, the letter N. Each flange has a reinforced point. Hollow handle and plain grip; pierced for strap attachment.

# [See illustration]

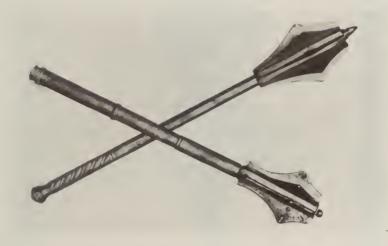
Double edged blade, diamond-shaped in section; bearing above the pas d'ane the armorer's mark; slightly tapering globular pommel with button finial; grip with spiral worming of twisted silver wire; straight roped quillons. Knuckle guard, developing from the extremities of the pas d'ane on one side three rings, and on the other two rings; on both sides of upper ring a bar rises to centre of knuckle guard.

# [See illustration]

60. – 229 A – Runka 30. – 231 A – Lange De Boeuf 30. – 233 A – Axe



No. 227. Pair Stirrups



Nos. 232-233. Maces



No. 234. RAPIER



No. 238. Dagger

No. 237. Crossbow

- Long wide slightly tapering double-edged blade, developing tapering spurs at right angles forming a false guard, under which is the armorer's mark, on both sides of the blade. Leather grip and urn-shaped pommel; guard consisting of plain cross quillons and single ring on each side.
- Wide tapering blade, incised bronze pommel; steel guard; ivory grip perforated for bronze rosaces. On one side of the grip is a coat of arms in silver and enamel. [Both ivory plates of hilt are modern.]
- Pow in steel, attached to stock by a steel bridal. Stock in carved walnut, richly ornamented, gracefully curving from the attachment of the bow to the nut. Trigger-guard in steel with Renaissance motives. On the top surface of the stock, close to the bow, is a carved mascaron, and half way from the butt end to the nut is carved a small frog facing a dragon. Ornamental decorations of geometrical and other motives carved on the other surfaces of the stock; open end of the stock enriched by a pyramidal finial. [Bowstring and trigger missing.]

Note: Artistically a very fine and unusual weapon, each element in the complex decoration of the carved stock exhibiting the purest characteristics of the Italian Renaissance. It is interesting to compare the sculptured dragon on the upper surface of the stock with Riccio's well-known bronzes of a similar subject in the National Museum, Florence.

### [See illustration]

In gilded bronze and steel. Circular, slightly convex pommel; baluster-shaped grip inlaid with black bone and copper. The pommel, in gilded bronze, bears a circular plaquette displaying a mythological subject, surrounded by circular border and coat of arms supported by human figures. Rondel guard in gilded bronze of the same diameter as the pommel, with frieze of volutes and foliage motives. Tapering blade, divided into four quadrangular sections placed at opposite angles at ricasso and middle, the faces enriched with human figures and candelabro motives.

Note: A very rare and unusual dagger, the gilding in a nearly perfect state of preservation. The plaquette on the pommel is, so far as known, unique, there being no similar examples in other Quattrocento plaquettes. It is to be classed as a work of the Paduan school, and very close to Valerio Vicentino [1465-1546].

Double edged tapering blade, diamond-shaped in section, bearing above the pas d'ane the armorer's mark; slightly tapering globular pommel with button finial. Grip with worm roped wire; single quillon drooping to button terminal. Knuckle guard with terminal similar to quillon. Three rings on one side, the two upper ones joining the centre of the knuckle guard, and on the other side three curved bars developing from the extremity of the pas d'ane, and joining the knuckle guard.

240. BURGANET North Italian, End of the XVI Century
Bowl with riveted neck defense and cheek pieces; roped border and large
roped comb. Rivets around the neck region and across the brow, which
were used to secure a leather lining.

Powl with keel median ridge following the profile contour of the head. Border turned out in a wire; T-shaped opening. In the middle of the bowl is a circle of rivets which served to fasten a leather lining; under the circle of rivets, on either side are two further rivets, which originally fastened the chin strap. On either side of the bowl in the rear are stamped the armorer's marks, the letters A and N, beneath a crown. [The helmet must have been repaired at an early date as indicated by two small rivets near the border.]

Note: Helmets of this type were used in Venice around the middle of the fifteenth century and are now extremely rare. As the shape shows, they were inspired by classical Greek casques, and especially by the Corinthian casque.

[See illustration]

110. - 2402 Helmet



No. 241. SALADE



No. 242. SALADE

Bowl with keel median ridge following the profile contour of the head; border turned out in a wire; T-shaped opening, about which is riveted a strap band. Around the centre of the bowl a row of perforations shows where rivets have previously been for the purpose of fastening a leather lining, and beneath, on each side are two rivets for securing the chin strap; along the border rivets can still be seen, which were originally used to fasten a velvet cover to the helmet. Deeply rusted.

See note to the foregoing number.

[See illustration]

#### TABLEWARE IN STEEL AND SILVER



243. GILDED KNIFE BLADE

Italian, XV-XVI Century

Leaf-shaped, incised with foliage ornamentation.

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Note: This blade must originally have had an ivory handle and was very probably used as a *grattoir*—a knife used at this period for erasing or rather for scraping out ink.

[See illustration above]

244. Steel Table Knife with Damascened Silver Handle

Venetian, Late XV Century

Only a fragment of the blade is left, bearing a hall mark of stellate design.

The handle damascened with trophies and two coats of arms; incised and gilded bronze finial.

Note: One of the coats of arms is that of the Florentine family Salviati. The use of two coats of arms show that this knife was fashioned for a nuptial occasion, and it is Venetian workmanship of the late fifteenth century.

245. IVORY-HANDLED GRATTOIR WITH GILDED BLADE

Flemish [?], XVII Century

The ivory handle is lightly ornamented and the leaf-shaped gilded blade is decorated with various designs, finely incised in the manner of an etching.

See note to No. 243.

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246. IVORY-HANDLED GRATTOIR WITH GILDED BLADE

Flemish [?], XVII Century

25. The handle in ivory and the blade gilded with scrollings.

See note to No. 243.

247. IVORY-HANDLED PENKNIFE WITH

CURIOUS FORK ATTACHMENT Flemish [?], XVII Century

The handle is in grooved ivory; the tiny gilded two-pronged fork has its own ivory handle and is arranged to draw out from its little case. The hinged blade of the knife [incised in the manner of an etching], is ornamented with a female figure surrounded by various designs and is gilded over its entire surface.

Note: In the Spitzer Collection was the companion piece to this quaint knifeand-fork, and it was attributed to Italian art of the sixteenth century.

248. Dessert Fork with Silver Handle Italian, XVI Century

Three-pronged fork with channeled silver handle, incised with leaf ornamentation. [Handle slightly damaged]

Note: The style of the ornamentation is distinctly Italian of the sixteenth century.

[See illustration]

249. SILVER FORK WITH INCISED SILVER HANDLE Tuscan, XVI Century
Four-pronged fork, hall marked GG; handle representing a female bust.

[See illustration]

250. SILVER FOLDING FORK

Tuscan, XVI-XVII Century

Handle with female bust terminal.

Note: Knives and forks as well as other pieces of cutlery of this type were used at this early period for outdoor festivities and traveling.

[See illustration]

251. STEEL KNIFE WITH DAMASCENED SILVER HANDLE

Venetian, XV Century

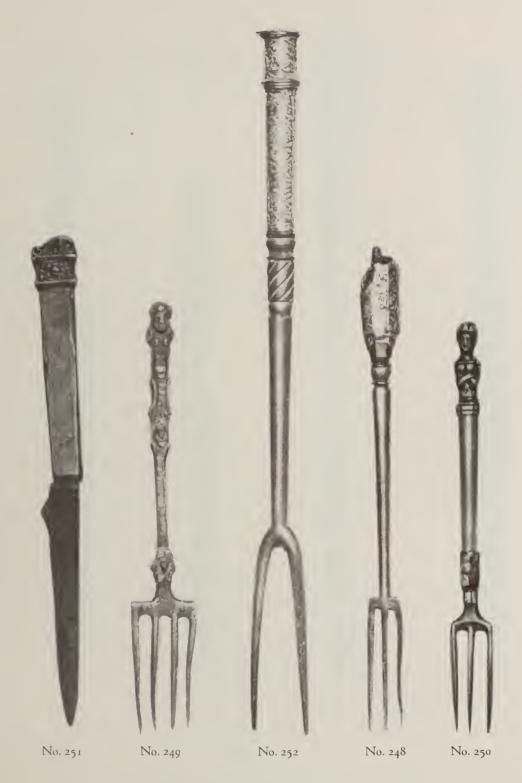
/// The blade is very worn, the handle is damascened with trophies and a coat of arms, and has a bronze finial with gilded ornamentation.

Note: The style of the coat of arms indicates this piece to be in all probability of Venetian workmanship.

[See illustration]

252. Steel Serving Fork with Silver Handle Venetian, XVI Century A large fork, with two prongs; the silver handle incised with scrolled motives and a coat of arms, now indistinct, terminating in a bronze finial.

Note: The provenience of knives similar in design to this work enables us to attribute it to Venetian workmanship.



Silver Forks and Silver and Steel Knife



STEEL KNIVES WITH BRONZE AND INLAID HANDLES

253. FOLDING KNIFE AND FORK IN ORIGINAL LEATHER CASE

Venetian, XVI Century

30 - Hinged, to permit them to be folded into the leather case. Both have damascened and gilded handles, with foliage and animalistic ornamentation.

Note: The elegance of the shape and the gilding indicate the attention which was given at this time even to objects which were used in traveling, and proves them to be of Venetian sixteenth century art.

254. Steel Knife with Bone Handle Ornamented

Very thin blade, rounded at the end. The handle has a circular pierced silver rosette, and it terminates in a silver finial, bearing a coat of arms in *niello* inlay.

Note: Similar bone handles with identical rosettes are to be seen in daggers and cinquedea swords of the Quattrocento; the shape of the coats of arms also points to the same period. The shape and the decoration make of this knife a very rare and unusual example.

[See illustration]

The bronze handle is gilded on one side and the other is damascened in silver with the representation of a young man and coat of arms of the Comune di Siena, the latter bearing the monogram of Siena's Opera del Duomo, showing that it was made for use in the cathedral.

Note: The style of the ornamentation indicates that this knife is Sienese of about the middle of the fifteenth century, and it is a truly remarkable example of the refinement of workmanship peculiar to Siena, even in objects of comparatively slight importance.

[See illustration]

256. Steel Knife with Bronze Handle Italian, XIV-XV Century
The handle with pierced architectural design, the bronze gilded and silvered.
The blade hall marked.

Note: This and the following knife were intended to be worn at the belt.

[See illustration]

257. STEEL KNIFE INLAID WITH GOLD AND SILVER

Italian, XV-XVI Century

A single piece of steel, lightly inlaid in gold and silver; finial to handle with pierced architectural design. The blade hall marked.

Note: The character of the inlay ornamentation is Italian of the end of the fifteenth and the beginning of the sixteenth century.

258. SILVER DESSERT SPOON

German, XV-XVI Century

With large bowl and very short handle, terminating in a cluster of leaves, with four pendant rings for hanging.

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Note: The leaves on the handle are Gothic in form, and the hall mark on the reverse of the handle seems identical with one of this period found in silver ware of Augsburg craftsmanship.

### [See illustration]

259. INLAID STEEL KNIFE WITH CHISELED SILVER HANDLE

Lombardian, XV Century

The small knife has a curved blade, inlaid with silver; the handle is of silver, chiseled with a hunting scene on one side and on the other depicting two regiments of cavalry marching, before a background of encampments and castles. At the end of the handle is a light relief portraying the belaureled head of Caesar on one side and on the other the head of a woman; along the edge is a motto.

Note: The Leonardesque type of the Caesar shows conclusively that this knife is of Lombardian workmanship and the costumes of the huntsmen place it around the end of the fifteenth century. The silver inlay above all and also the subtlety of the chiseling place this as a rare work of art.

### [See illustration]

260. FOUR STEEL FORKS WITH SILVER HANDLES

Venetian, Second Half of the XV Century

Of the same form and size; the silver grooved handle exhibiting light ornamentation and having globular finial.

Note: The proportion of the handle and the whole contour are in the most exquisite taste of the Quattrocento. While there is evident Oriental influence, all of the ornamentation and the globular finial belong to Venetian art, and the artistic value is enhanced by the fact that there are four of these forks of the same size and pattern.

# [See illustration]

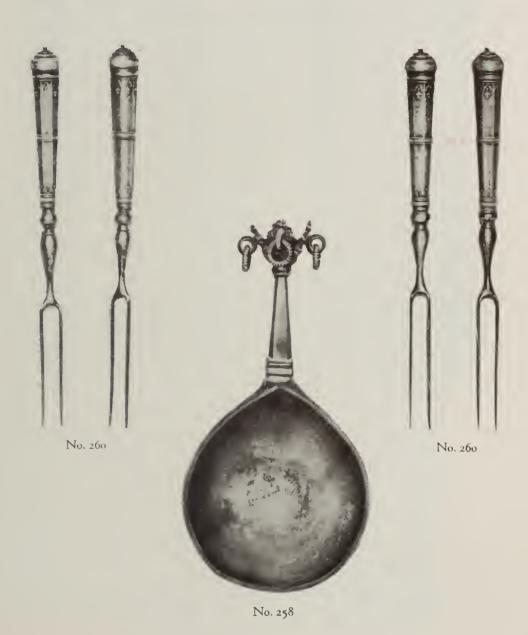
261. SET OF TWELVE TABLE KNIVES AND NINE FORKS WITH CARVED AMBER HANDLES French [?], Late XVI Century

The knives with gilded steel blades, and the forks with two gilded prongs; all with handles in beautiful carved amber exhibiting ornate designs. Three of the knives have handles carved with female busts.

Note: The ornamentation and especially the style of the female busts makes certain that these very rare examples—still forming a complete set—are not to be attributed to Italian art, but rather to the French or Flemish art of the late sixteenth century.



No. 259



Steel Knife and Forks with Silver Handles and Silver Dessert Spoon



No. 261. SET OF TABLE KNIVES AND FORKS WITH CARVED AMBER HANDLES



No. 261. Set of Table Knives and Forks with Carved Amber Handles Shown in Original Case



# TERRA-COTTAS, SCULPTURES AND WOOD CARVINGS

262. PAIR GLAZED TERRA-COTTA WALL BRACKETS

Bottega of Della Robbia, XVI Century

180 · Bold acanthus-leaf design in green and yellow.

Height, 10 inches

263. Sculptured Marble Bust

By Tommaso Fiamberti, Italian, XV Century

PORTRAIT OF A CHILD. Of smiling countenance, facing nearly front, wearing a high-necked pleated garment.

Nearly life size

Note: None of the exaggeration usual in Fiamberti's work is noticeable in this example; on the contrary, it is distinguished by the moderation of which he was capable when inspired by great masters, as, for example, Mino da Fiesole, and more often—as in the case of this portrait—Antonio Rossellino.

264. TERRA-COTTA FRAGMENT OF A BUST Florentine, XV Century St. John. There is intense feeling in the ascetic expression of the saint, and it is rendered with that instinctive mastery which is characteristic of, one may say peculiar to Donatello. Traces of polychroming.

Note: The most similar example to this head is a bust in the Berlin Museum, said to represent St. James the Apostle, and attributed to Donatello.

265. POLYCHROMED STUCCO BAS-RELIEF Florentine, XV Century St. LAWRENCE. Wearing ecclesiastical garb, holding the symbols of his martyrdom—the palm in his right hand and the gridiron in his left.

Height, 1 foot 4 inches; width, 10 inches

Note: The subject is taken from the formella in the upper part of the sacristy door in the church of St. Lawrence executed by Donatello. In the bronze door the saint is accompanied by St. Stephen. The depiction of St. Lawrence follows that of the bronze by Donatello very closely. Stuccos after the architectural bronzes of Donatello are very rare.

266. Terra-cotta Group

In the Manner of Sansovino, Venetian, XVI Century

Madonna and Child with the Little St. John. Standing figure of the

Holy Mother, holding the Child in her left arm and leaning over to take
the outstretched hand of the little St. John.

Height, 1 foot 3 inches

267. PAIR GLAZED TERRA-COTTA WALL BRACKETS

By Andrea della Robbia, Florentine, 1435-1525

580. CHERUBIM. Glazed in white; the wings in sepia.

Height, 81/2 inches

[See illustration]

268. Glazed Terra-cotta Figure

By Andrea della Robbia, Florentine, 1435-1525

THE LITTLE ST. JOHN. A particularly charming representation of St. John as a babe, in sitting posture, glazed in white. (Kiln defects to the glaze.) Height, 101/2 inches

269. POLYCHROMED TERRA-COTTA BAS-RELIEF

By Francesco di Simone, Italian, 1490-1548

MADONNA AND CHILD. Clad in a red robe with azure-blue mantle, holding 260. the Child at her side; the right hand of the Infant raised in the act of blessing. The Madonna is portrayed at half-length, against a blue background.

Height, I foot; width, 91/2 inches

Note: The characteristics of Verrocchio are especially visible in the hands of the Child and in the folds of the mantle of the Virgin; these, however, are less pronounced in the faces, which would indicate Francesco di Simone, a pupil of Verrocchio, as the probable master of this charming-and unduplicatedterra-cotta.

Bottega of Dontello, XV Century 270. SCULPTURED MARBLE FRIEZE Two flying angels bearing between them a circular medallion, beneath a 140 classic sculptured and molded frieze.

Height, 71/2 inches; length, 2 feet 5 inches

271. PARCEL-GILDED MARBLE TONDO Florentine, XVI Century MADONNA AND CHILD WITH THE LITTLE ST. JOHN. The Madonna in sitting posture, holds on her lap the sleeping Child, covered with a veil, which 280. The Madonna is in the act of lifting. St. John approaches the group from the right; landscape background. [Traces only of the gilding remain.]

Diameter, 11 inches

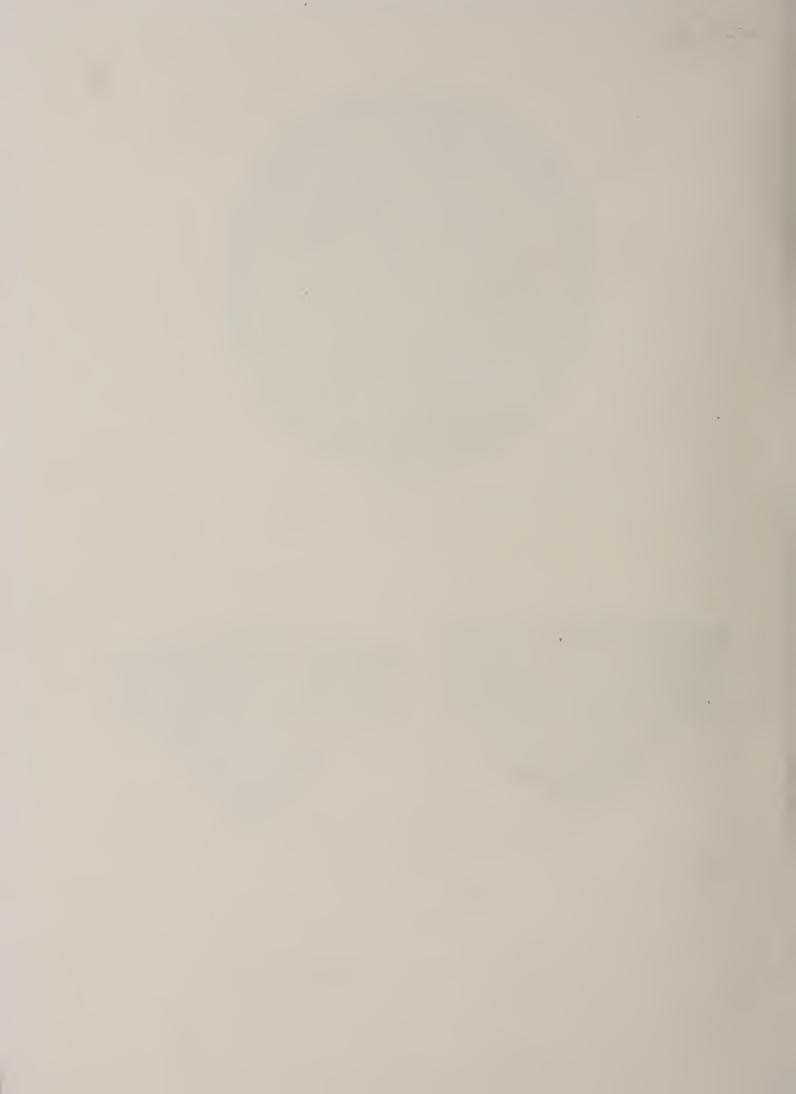
Note: The composition and the figures show the influence of Raphael, and indicate the sculptor to have been a Florentine of the early sixteenth century; his style akin to that of Francesco Rustici.



No. 271. PARCEL-GILDED MARBLE TONDO



No. 267. PAIR GLAZED TERRA-COTTA WALL BRACKETS



272. CARVED, POLYCHROMED AND GILDED GROUP

Italian, First Half of the XIV Century

MADONNA AND CHILD. The Madonna is seated, facing the observer, reclining slightly. Her robe is caught at the waist by a buckle and a rich mantle falls from her head. The Child is also seated, holding a globe in one hand and the other raised in the posture of blessing.

Note: Undoubtedly an Italian work of the first half of the fourteenth century; it has no decisive characteristic to enable one to assign it to any particular locality in Italy with any great certainty. A marked archaism and the peculiar manner of the carving, however, suggest Abruzzi as the source of its origin.

273. POLYCHROMED TERRA-COTTA BAS-RELIEF

Florentine, Early XVI Century

MADONNA AND CHILD. The holy Mother is seated, dressed in a red robe and a blue mantle. With her right arm she clasps the Child to her bosom, her left hand raised. On square molded plinth.

Height, 1 foot 7 inches

Note: The group seems to belong to that class of works by the Florentine sculptor known as "the Master of the Bambino Irrequieto," who flourished toward the end of the fifteenth century. This attribution, however, could hardly be correct, notwithstanding fifteenth century traits. The style of the Madonna, for instance, almost Michelangiolesque in the grandiosity and baroque treatment of the draperies, indicates that it is a work of the early sixteenth century.

274. CARVED AND POLYCHROMED BAS-RELIEF

IN TABERNACOLO FRAME

Venetian, XV Century

MADONNA AND CHILD. The Madonna is seated, in the act of adoring the Child, Who lies on her lap sleeping. The Madonna's robe and mantle are gilded; the latter, with azure lining, falling in folds from her head and gathered together at her feet.

Height, 33 inches; width, 1 foot 10 inches

Note: This is a usual type of composition of the Venetian School towards the middle of the fifteenth century; it is also frequently seen in painting, especially in the Veronese school. Indeed, one feels that this fine bas-relief is more a painting than a carving, so delicate is the expression of the face of the Madonna, so gentle the pose of the hands, so rich the folds of the garments.

From Baron Leonino da Zara, Padua

#### BROCADES, DAMASKS, VELVETS

The galloons, tassels and fringes are all of the period. The linings are also of the period, with a few exceptions.

- 275. CRIMSON VELVET CUSHION Italian, Late XVI Century

  50 Displaying a jardiniere motive in cut and uncut velvet on a golden background.
  - 276. GOLD-EMBROIDERED CRIMSON SILK CUSHION Florentine, XVI Century

    Embroidered with appliqued gold cord and paillettes; with red silk fringe.
  - 277. PAIR CRIMSON VELVET CUSHIONS

    Italian, XVII Century

    Wine-crimson velvet, with raised velvet border.
    - 278. CRIMSON CUT VELVET CUSHION

      Displaying a jardiniere motive and birds in cut and uncut velvet on a drap d'or background. Red and gold fringe.
  - With beautiful embroidery in delicate rose and greens, displaying medallions, bouquets and foliage. Quilted lining. Originally a strip for a window sill.

    Length, 3 feet 9 inches; width, 5 inches
- 280. GOLD BROCADE COVER

  Florentine, XVI Century

  Allover pomegranate and wheat-ear design, woven in gold threads on a deep

  rose background. Bordered with gold galloon; lined in golden-green silk.

  4 feet 3 inches by 3 feet 4 inches
- 281. EMBROIDERED YELLOW SATIN PANEL

  Embroidered in blue, green and rose silks and appliqued gold threads with

  bold scrollings enclosing chrysanthemums, birds, butterflies and flowers on a yellow satin background.

  Height, 1 foot; length, 7 feet 2 inches

  From the Ormond Collection
- 282. EMBROIDERED YELLOW SATIN PANEL Genoese, XVII Century

  Similar to the preceding.

  Height, 1 foot 3 inches; length, 7 feet 2 inches
  - 283. Embroidered Yellow Satin Panel Genoese, XVII Century
    Similar to the preceding.

    From the Ormond Collection

Florentine, Early XVI Century 284. GREEN DAMASK COPE Woven with palmette and pineapple motives; trimmed with gold galloon; 325 the hood with gold galloon and fringe; fastened with silver clasps and edged with green silk and gold fringe.

9 feet 8 inches by 4 feet 10 inches

From the Ormond Collection

285. PETIT POINT HANGING Florentine, Early XVII Century Floral designs in ecru, blue and yellow, finished with deep fringe of blue 40 and yellow silks and gold galloon; in the centre gold-embroidered coat of arms of the Torrigiani family.

Height, 4 feet 3 inches; width, 2 feet 10 inches

286. Embroidered Taffeta Silk Cover Tuscan, XVII Century Embroidered with fine appliqued gold threads, rose and green silks and paillettes, displaying roses within gold-scrolled stems and leaves. Bordered with gold galloon and fringed.

4 feet by 2 feet

287. GREEN CUT VELVET COVER Italian, XVII Century Small floral design in green on a drap d'or background; green and gold 210 fringe.

3 feet by 3 feet 5 inches

288. SMALL SILVER BROCADE COVER Venetian, XVI Century Woven with large leaf-scrollings in silver shot with green threads, on an 30. apricot background. Lined with yellow silk.

289. SILVER AND GOLD BROCADE COVER Venetian, XVII Century Beautiful serpentined ribbon motive in silver threads supporting golden baskets of flowers, the interspaces adorned with delicate clusters of vari-120. colored flowers.

6 feet 3 inches by 5 feet 3 inches

290. GROS POINT VALANCE Italian, XVII Century With large floral scrollings in reds and yellows on an ivory background. 4 feet 5 inches by 1 foot 7 inches

291. CRIMSON BROCATELLE COVERLET Florentine, XVI Century Damascened with graceful pattern of large leaves and flowers in crimson damask on a golden background; deep flounced crimson damask valance. 150 Very fine specimen.

7 feet 2 inches by 8 feet 6 inches

292. GOLDEN-YELLOW BROCATELLE PORTIERE Florentine, XVI Century 240. Woven with delicate allover design of flowers in old-rose. In a wonderful state of preservation.

II feet 9 inches by 7 feet 2 inches

293. TURQUOISE-BLUE DAMASK WALL HANGING Venetian, XVI Century Woven with a minute floral design; the top panel bordered with elaborate //0 purple and gold fringe.

Height, 3 feet; length, 6 feet 1 inch

294. CRIMSON DAMASK COVERLET Florentine, XVII Century

With bold candelabro and floral design; fine silk fringe.

8 feet 3 inches by 7 feet 4 inches

Note: A truly magnificent specimen, in a perfect state of preservation.

From Countess Macola's Villa, near Venice

295. SMALL EMBOSSED IVORY VELVET COVER Spanish, XVI Century The velvet with scrolled floral design; linen border embroidered in red 90. silk a jour fringe.

4 feet by 3 feet 4 inches

Note: A most unusual and rare specimen.

296. SMALL EMBOSSED IVORY VELVET COVER Spanish, XVI Century Similar to the preceding. Slight variance in detail. 100. See Note to No. 295.

297. THREE GOLD NEEDLEPAINTED PANELS Spanish, XVI Century Worked in solid gold threads with details in blue and gold silks; one with central medallion depicting St. Catherine, another St. Agnes and the third 75 St. Barbara.

I foot 10 inches by I foot 11 inches

From the Ormond Collection

[See illustration]

298. BEAUTIFUL GOLD-EMBROIDERED CRIMSON VELVET PANEL

Florentine, XVI Century

Embroidered in gold threads with blue silk added, displaying jardinieres supporting floral scrollings and fruits; bordered with gold galloon with appliqued rosettes at intervals. An extremely rare specimen.

Length, 8 feet 5 inches; width, 1 foot

[See illustration]

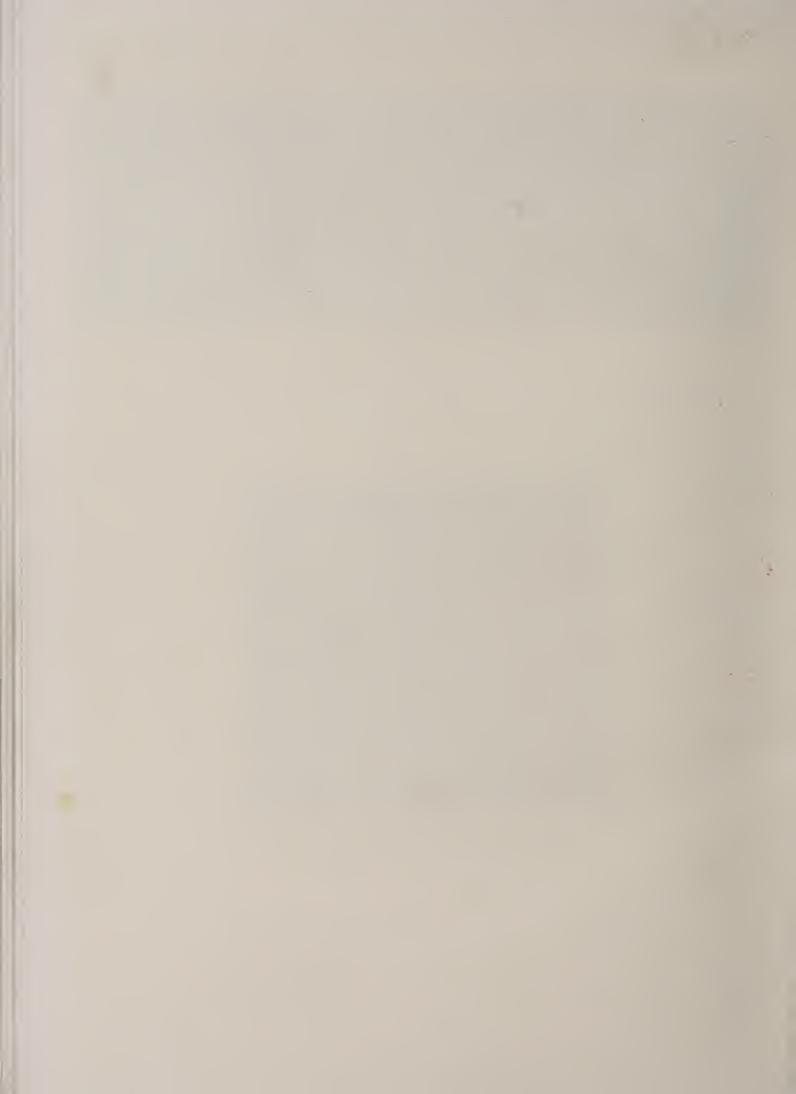
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No. 298. BEAUTIFUL GOLD-EMBROIDERED CRIMSON VELVET PANEL



No. 297. Three Gold Needlepainted Panels



299. GOLD AND BLUE BROCADE COVER Venetian, XVI Century Woven with large floral scrollings and leafage in gold threads on a cerulean-blue background; edged with narrow gold lace and lined in golden-yellow silk.

4 feet 11 inches by 3 feet 2 inches

From Countess Macola's Villa, near Venice

Joo. Four Gold Needlepainted Panels

Spanish, XVI Century
Design of jardinieres supporting voluted leaf-scrollings in appliqued gold

cord and green and blue silks on a gold background. Border worked
with spear-shaped leaves in gold threads and blue and tawny-yellow silks.

I foot II inches by I foot I inch

From the Ormond Collection

301. Embroidered Crimson Velvet Panel Italian, XVI Century
Appliqued embroidered design of scrollings radiating from a central jardiniere principally in greens and yellows.

I foot 10 inches by I foot 5 inches

- 302. EMBROIDERED CRIMSON VELVET PANEL Italian, XVI Century

  Similar to the preceding.
  - 303. Magnificent Gold and Silver Brocade Coverlet

Florentine, Early XVI Century

525 Woven with pomegranate and Florentine lily design on a drap d'or back-ground. Bordered with gold lace.

12 feet 8 inches by 2 feet

304. GOLD, SILVER AND CORAL-RED BROCADE COVERLET

Tuscan, XVI Century

6 50 Beautiful palmette design woven in gold and silver threads on a coral-red background; bordered with gold galloon. Lined in yellow silk.

8 feet 3 inches by 5 feet 3 inches

305. Rare Crimson Damask Hanging with Florentine Brocade Panel

XV-XVI Century

Floral damask, having vertical brocade panel woven with floral medallions and ogivals centring figures of St. Peter and St. Augustine. Trimmed with deep self-toned fringe at ends and short gold and silk fringe at sides. The damask is of the sixteenth century.

Height, 2 feet 5 inches; length, 9 feet

Job. Green Cut Velvet Hanging Florentine, XVI Century
Displaying vases supporting sprays of pomegranates, carnations and other
flowers within ogivals in green on a rosy ecru background. Bordered with
gold galloon and gold and green silk fringe at the ends. Very beautiful
specimen.

8 feet 9 inches by 3 feet 2 inches

[See illustration]

307. EMBROIDERED LINEN TABLE COVER

With large square medallions of thread lace, centring smaller squares of

Gothic filet; lined with rose silk.

7 feet 2 inches square

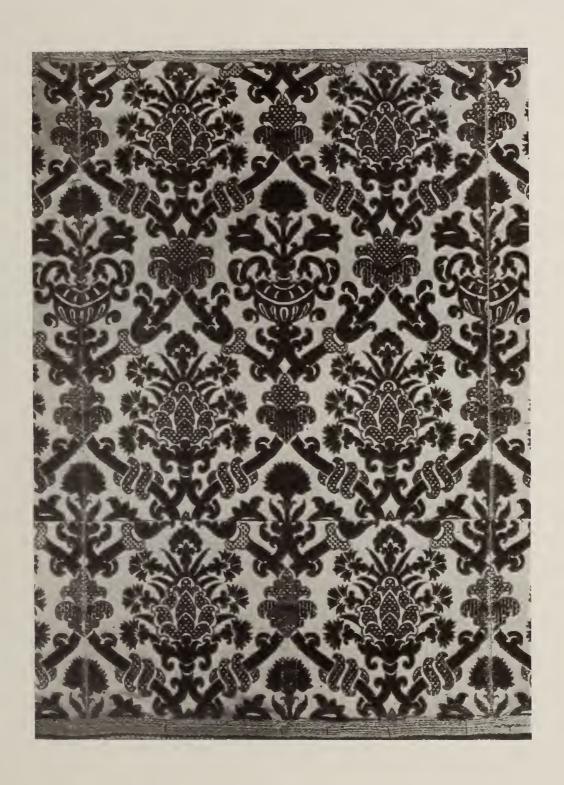
Note: A very fine specimen from the Ormond Collection.

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308. Rose Cut Velvet Cover Florentine, XVI Century
Floral and other designs in rose velvet on a drap d'argent background;
gold fringed. Lined in green silk.

2 feet 9 inches by 3 feet 7 inches

Note: Another magnificent specimen from the Ormond Collection.



No. 306. Green Cut Velvet Hanging



No. 310



No. 311

CARVED WALNUT SGABELLI

# ITALIAN FURNITURE OF THE XVI-XVII CENTURY

309. CARVED WALNUT SIDE CHAIR The Marches, XVI Century
Back with four arcaded spirally turned splats; rustic carved frontal stretcher
similar to the back.

Cartouche- and volute-carved back; supports with fan-shaped and floral-carved motives, with volutes at sides; rosette-carved frieze to seat. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

From the Marquis Biscaccianti, Florence

[See illustration]

310A. CARVED WALNUT SGABELLO

Similar to the preceding. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

From the Marquis Biscaccianti, Florence

Lyre-shaped back, cartouche- and volute-carved; seat with rosette-carved frieze; lyre-shaped front support, similarly carved, with central fan motive and rosette; the front and back supports connected by molded brace. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

[See illustration]

312. CARVED WALNUT SGABELLO Florentine, XVI Century Similar to the preceding. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

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313. CARVED WALNUT HANGING HATRACK Tuscan, XVII Century
With six rosette-carved panels, each centred with peg for hanging; carved
shaped apron.

Height, 1 foot; length, 3 feet 3 inches

314. SMALL CARVED AND PARCEL-GILDED WALNUT COFFRET

Sienese, XVI Century

Beautifully designed and richly carved, including its quaint top. Fine bronze lifting handle to top. In a splendid state of preservation.

Height, 71/2 inches; length, 1 foot 41/2 inches; width, 12 inches

### [See illustration]

Jo Molded top; the frieze with incised gadroonings; box stretcher at base of molded cylindrical legs.

Length, 3 feet 7 inches; width, 2 feet 7 inches

316. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET ARMCHAIR

Tuscan, XVI Century

- Molded arms on quadrangular supports extending into similar legs; valanced base rails terminating in lion-claw feet. Seat and back in crimson velvet, bordered with two bands of red cut velvet galloon; fringed; gilded volute-scrolled finials.
  - 317. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET ARMCHAIR

Tuscan, XVI Century

- /80 Similar to the preceding; with balustered arm supports and carved and gilded acanthus-leaf finials.
  - 318. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET ARMCHAIR

Tuscan, XVI Century

- 260 Similar to the preceding, but covered in crimson cut velvet exhibiting a floral design, studded at the sides with two rows of brass-headed nails.
  - 319. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET LOW CHAIR

Florentine, XVI Century

In original condition. Quadrangular supports at back, enclosing finely scrolled pediment which is connected with the median rosette-carved cross rail by four balusters; balustered legs on ball feet; valanced box stretcher. A delicately carved little example. Seat covered in lustrous crimson velvet. [Slight reparation to the legs.]



No. 314. Small Carved and Parcel-Gilded Walnut Coffret



320. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET SIDE CHAIR

Sienese, XVI Century

Quadrangular back supports with scrolled and arcaded top rail; series of balusters below on a scrolled cross rail centred with finely turned rosette, small pinnacled finials; balustered box stretcher to legs. Signed on the back, AG.

The front adorned with beautifully painted panel with representation of REBECCA AT THE WELL, flanked by prophets en grisaille. The top covered with crimson velvet; the bracket feet and other details gilded.

Height, 241/2 inches; length, 48 inches

322. CARVED WALNUT CREDENZA French, XVII Century
Molded top; two doors divided and flanked by Ionic pilasters and shell,

130 floral and rosette carvings to panels; molded base, on ball feet.

Height, 2 feet 61/2 inches; length, 3 feet 51/2 inches

323. ILLUMINATED BLACK LEATHER COFFRET French, XVII Century Rectangular, with arched cover; entirely illuminated in arabesque motives in crimson and gold.

Length, 101/2 inches; width, 61/2 inches

324. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET SIDE CHAIR

Ligurian, XVI Century

- / 50 Quadrangular legs with carved paneled frontal stretcher; seat and back covered in crimson velvet, fringed; back supports surmounted by bronze ball finials.
  - 325. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET SIDE CHAIR

Sienese, XVI Century

- Blocked and baluster-turned back supports, with escutcheon carved pediment, with series of six turned balusters below and volute-scrolled valanced rail beneath; balustered box stretchered legs; seat in crimson velvet.
- 326. CARVED WALNUT SAVONAROLA CHAIR Tuscan, XVI Century With ten interlacing supports, pivoted so as to fold; the back carved with rosettes in relief, flanked by incised reeds; front supports carved a sguscio; arms terminating in balls from which depend loose rings; base rails ending in lion-claw feet. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

From the Collection of Eleonora Duse

327. CARVED BEECHWOOD SAVONAROLA CHAIR Tuscan, XVI Century With nine interlacing supports, pivoted so as to fold; the arms, back rail, frontal supports and valance to seat carved with two rows of incised rosettes; flat base rails terminating in lion-claw feet. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

From the Collection of Eleonora Duse

328. Large Carved Walnut Tooled

475 Back panel of tooled and gilded leather with central vase motive surrounded by Renaissance scrollings; tasseled fringe. Leather-covered seat; frontal stretcher with pierced Savoy knot.

#### [See illustration]

- Rectangular panel with projecting molded cornice, supported at the sides by two modillions. The back divided into three oval panels, each with two pegs for hanging, and flanked at the sides by two volute-scrolled brackets; finely vase-shaped gadroon-carved apron beneath.
- 330. WALNUT WARDROBE Florentine, XVI Century
  Divided horizontally in two parts, each having two paneled doors, with
  dentil molding; lower part with shallow drawer in frieze.

  Height, 6 feet 2 inches; width, 4 feet 5 inches

Tuscan, XVI Century
Two scrolled X-shaped supports, pivoted at the intersections, and connected
with a baluster-turned stretcher with similar stretchers at the base; supporting crimson velvet canted book-rest, trimmed with silk fringe. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Extreme height, 4 feet 7 inches

332. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET ARMCHAIR

Tuscan, XVI Century

- 325 Flat molded arms on vase-turned supports extending into similarly turned legs, connected at the sides by balustered stretchers; back and seat in crimson velvet, trimmed with gold and velvet galloon.
  - 333. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET SIDE CHAIR

Tuscan, XVI Century

200 Similar to the preceding, the arm supports with carved and gilded acanthus leaves; seat and back with deep red silk fringe; carved frontal stretcher.



No. 328. Large Carved Walnut Tooled and Gilded Leather Armchair



Carved Walnut Fan-shaped
SGABELLO
[See No. 335]



No. 337. Carved Walnut Crimson Velvet Nursing Chair

334. CARVED WALNUT HIGH-BACK SIDE CHAIR Ligurian, XVII Century Balustered legs and H-stretcher; canted back, the back rail painted with a coat of arms; seat covered in leather, studded with brass-headed nails; fringed.

335. Two Carved Walnut Fan-Shaped Sgabelli

Florentine, XVI Century

320 Solid fan-shaped back, paneled by central and flanking vertical carved bandings. Pediment with gadroonings and rosettes. Vase-shaped supports, connected by valanced brace. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

[See illustration]

336. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET NURSING CHAIR

Sienese, XVI Century

Bulbous-turned front legs and balustered box stretcher; flat carved scrolled pediment and guilloche-carved rail below, with series of balusters connecting the two; seat covered in crimson velvet, trimmed with gold and red silk fringe.

337. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET NURSING CHAIR

Sienese, XVI Century

Finely carved and scrolled pediment and similar rail beneath enclosing two series of balusters joined by rusticated carved central rail. Seat covered in crimson velvet with raised velvet border.

## 338. Sienese Painted Marriage Chest

About the Middle of the XVI Century

The serpentined front is painted; it is divided in two rectangular formelle in which are depicted two children with cornucopiae on either side of a shield. In the left shield is a dragon and the motto: Vi Lesus Ledit; in the right shield is a grazing ox and above it are three lilies and the motto: Ad Antidora.

Height, 1 foot 8 inches; length, 5 feet 3 inches



No. 338. Sienese Painted Marriage Chest





Forged Iron and Bronze Faldistorium and Pair Carved Walnut Crimson Velvet Low Chairs

Italian, XVI Century 339. Forged Iron and Bronze Faldistorium Double U-shaped frame, with gilded rosettes at the intersection; pivoted 1100 -so as to fold; the arm supports terminating in bronze balls; seat covered in crimson velvet, trimmed with deep tasseled silk fringe; loose cushion. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

[See illustration]

340. PAIR CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET LOW CHAIRS

Sienese, XVI Century

520 Balustered front legs with molded rosettes at the crests; box stretcher; scrolled back rail and carved acanthus-leaf finials. Seat in crimson velvet embroidered with gold threads at the border.

The upper smaller section with two doors richly carved, representing Prudence and Temperance respectively, separated and flanked by full-length carvatids carved in high relief; the lower larger section similar, the panels of the two doors carved with representations of Fortitude and Justice and flanked by caryatids at half-length; the whole surrounded by a wealth of foliage. In the upper frieze and in the drawers of the lower section are carved masks, leaves and cherub heads. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Height, 6 feet 4 inches; length, 4 feet 7 inches; width, 1 foot 10 inches

From the Baron Chiodo, Nice



No. 341. Carved Walnut Cabinet a Deux Corps



Carved Walnut Leather-covered Armchair and Carved Walnut Sgabello

#### 342. CARVED WALNUT LEATHER-COVERED ARMCHAIR

Italian, XVI Century

Flat molded arms on acanthus-leaf carved supports; quadrangular legs with flat base rails terminating in lion-claw feet; back and seat covered in tooled and gilded leather centring in back a cartouche; secured with round brassheaded nails. Valance to seat finished with gold silk fringe.

[See illustration]

343. CARVED WALNUT SGABELLO

Umbrian, XVI Century

The back elaborately carved in relief with volute scrollings, centring mascaron, surmounted by a cherub's head in pediment; floral medallioned frieze to seat; the seat incised with concentric circles; on four blocked and baluster-carved splayed legs with double similarly balustered box stretcher.

# 344. Carved Walnut Leather-Covered Reading Armchair

Piedmontese, XVI Century

Leather-covered arms on blocked and balustered supports, continuing into the legs, with similar balustered stretcher; at the front of the arms are two iron shafts which draw out and constitute a book-rest. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]



No. 344. Carved Walnut Leather-covered Reading Armchair



No. 345. Sienese Painted Marriage Chest

# 345. Sienese Painted Marriage Chest

About the Middle of the XVI Century

The curved front divided in three unequal formelle, exhibiting in the two end panels two putti holding escutcheons, and in the central panel Curtius leaping into the abyss. Both the front and sides painted, the style of the painting, like the style of the chest itself, being that of the early sixteenth century Sienese art—that is Sienese in character, with a decided Umbrian influence.

Height, I foot 9 inches; length, 5 feet I inch; width, I foot 9 inches
[See illustration]

#### 346. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET ARMCHAIR

Tuscan, XVI Century

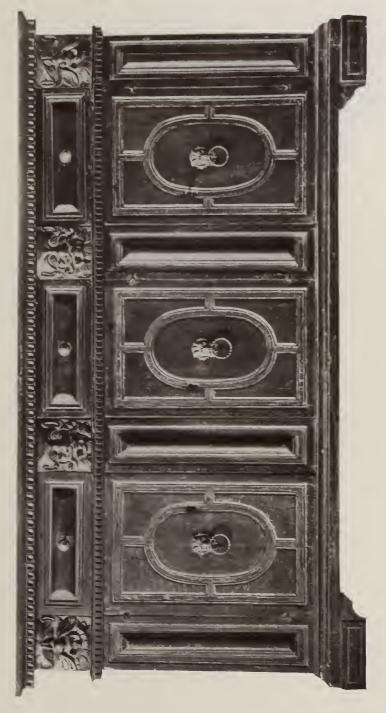
Massive scrolled arms, on acanthus-leaf carved supports; quadrangular legs, with pierced carved frontal stretcher and valanced side stretchers. Seat and back covered in crimson velvet, bordered with cut velvet galloon with red silk fringe; finials with carved and gilded mascarons.

347. Two Carved Walnut Crimson Velvet Armchairs

Tuscan, XVI Century

- 550 Straight molded arms; scrolled supports terminating in gilded acanthus finials; scrolled box stretcher at base; red velvet back and seat, finished with deep cut velvet galloon; fringed.
- Molded top with ovolo-carved frieze above three long drawers and four short drawers interrupting the same, carved in relief with mascarons. Lower portion with three paneled doors centred with bronze escutcheons; ring handles. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Height, 3 feet 6 inches; length, 7 feet



No. 348. Carved Walnut Credenza



No. 349. Carved Walnut Savonarola Chair

349. CARVED WALNUT SAVONAROLA CHAIR Tuscan, 1589
With seven interlacing staves, pivoted so as to fold; finely scrolled and pinnacled back rail; arms slightly down-curved and molded; dated June 20, 1589. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

From Count Guicciardini

[See illustration]

350. CARVED WALNUT TOOLED AND GILDED LEATHER ARMCHAIR

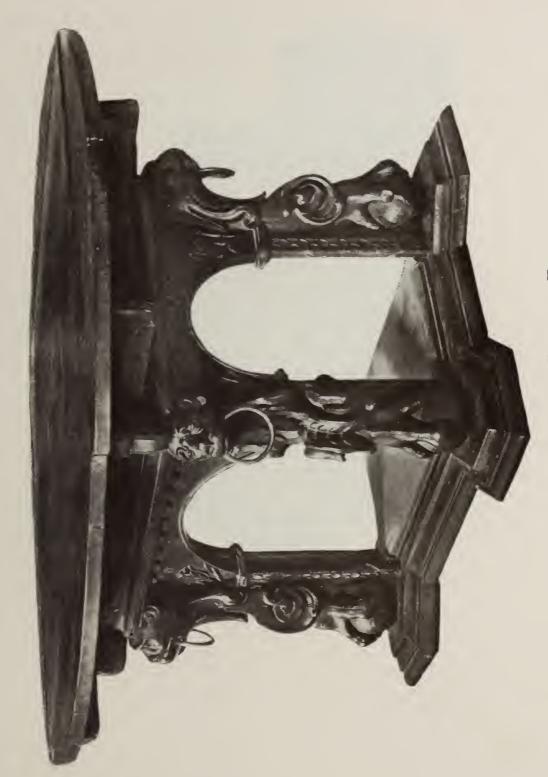
Piedmontese, XVI Century

Molded arms on balustered supports; square legs, the base-rails terminating in lion-claw feet; back of tooled and gilded leather with central escutcheon and plaquettes at corners; leather seat and apron, with four rows of tiny rosettes; old-gold silk fringe.

Square top, with four semicircular drop-leaves which when raised rest on vertically placed supports, arranged to draw out; bracketed frieze; resting on four massive legs carved with chimeric leonine masks, each holding a bronze ring in its mouth, and resting on large claw-and-ball feet; the spaces between the legs arcaded, the columns and spandrels carved with floral and husk motives, paterae and other designs; resting on molded shelf base, outset at the angles.

[See illustration]

352. CARVED BEECHWOOD SAVONAROLA CHAIR Tuscan, XVI Century With ten interlacing supports, pivoted so as to fold; carved arms and staves, the two front ones with rosettes; back rail with incised carving; base-rails terminating in lion-claw feet.



No. 351. Carved Walnut Drop-Leaf Table



No. 353. GOTHIC CARVED WALNUT "CORNER" CHAIR

353. GOTHIC CARVED WALNUT "CORNER" CHAIR

North Italian, Beginning of the XV Century In the form of a stall. Arms with series of balusters, the lower section 275-of one side carved with the representation of a hound and other motives. Very curious example, evidently made for a certain corner in an entrance hall, as the left side is left unfinished.

[See illustration]

354. CARVED WALNUT LEATHER-COVERED ARMCHAIR

Piedmontese, Early XVII Century Massive scrolled arms on square supports; back panel in tooled and gilded /60 Teather, studded with large brass-headed nails; gilded acanthus-leaf finials; pierced carved frontal stretcher.

355. PAIR WALNUT SAPPHIRE-BLUE VELVET STOOLS

Umbrian, XVII Century Spirally turned legs terminating in blocks at both ends; with cushion feet and base stretcher. Seat in sapphire-blue velvet, with valance of gold and blue appliqued satin; fringed.

# 356. Two Important Carved and Gilded Pedestals

Italian, Late XVI Century

Sgabello form. The supports surmounted by square molded top, and carved with gilded volutes enclosing pendants of husk motives, below which are oval cartouches and grotesque masks, supported on lion-paw feet. Parcel-gilded on brown background. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Height, 4 feet

From the Castle of the Prince Don Francesco Massimo



No. 356. Two Important Carved and Gilded Pedestals



No. 362. Sculptured Walnut Stipo a Bambocci

357. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET NURSING CHAIR

Tuscan, XVI Century

- Fan-shaped top rail with incised carving and narrow median rail, having three tiny turned balusters between; valanced box stretcher at base, with turned rosettes at the angles; crimson velvet seat.
  - 358. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET NURSING CHAIR

Tuscan, XVI Century

- /00 Similar to the preceding, with slight variance in detail to carving on back rail.
  - 359. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET NURSING CHAIR

The Marches, XVI Century

Back with series of balusters surmounted by beautifully scrolled pediment; blocked and balustered supports, terminating in vase-shaped pinnacles; finely baluster-turned legs and box stretcher. Red velvet seat, finished with silk fringe.

360. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET NURSING CHAIR

The Marches, XVI Century

- 90. Similar to the preceding; with slight difference in detail.
- 361. LADY'S CARVED WALNUT SLIPPER CHAIR Florentine, XVI Century
  The back supports, legs and base stretcher baluster-turned and rosettecarved; the two back rails connected by three delicately turned balusters;
  seat in crimson velvet; fringed.
- Garved and molded cornice; frieze decorated with figures of *putti* and central escutcheon; pilasters carved in *alto-rilievo* with symbolical and allegorical figures; the drop-hinged front opening to disclose interior with seven drawers and central compartment, the door of which contains a niche adorned with standing figure of Leda and the Swan; outset molded base.

363. CARVED WALNUT CASSONE

Venetian, XVI Century

Front with panel running nearly its entire length, decorated with two hippogryphs and scrolls of leafage, facing a central shield on which is a lion rampant, with axe. In the corners are figures of women holding baskets containing fruits on their heads; at base, and along the sides, baccelliera. Lifting lid; the two front feet in the shape of lions' paws.

Height, 2 feet 3 inches; length, 6 feet 6 inches

From Countess Macola's Villa, near Venice

[See illustration]

364. CARVED WALNUT SAVONAROLA CHAIR Tuscan, XVI Century With ten interlacing supports, pivoted so as to fold; back rail carved with rosette enclosing a cross; molded arms terminating in balls with loose rings; front supports carved a sguscio.

365. Two Carved Walnut Crimson Velvet Armchairs

Tuscan, XVI Century

Straight molded arms with scrolled under portion to end; quadrangular supports terminating in gilded acanthus-leaf finials; scrolled box stretcher to base; red velvet back and seat, valanced and finished with deep raised velvet galloon; fringed.



No. 363. Carved Walnut Cassone



No. 366. CARVED WALNUT CASSONE

Rectangular; with carved and molded hinged lid; body with paneled front and sides, having carved escutcheon in the centre, occupied by coat of arms, and flanked by panels inlaid in light woods. At the angles are female caryatids terminating in volutes; the incurved base is carved and gadrooned, and is finished with grotesque mask in the centre; supported on lion-paw

Height, 2 feet 3 inches; depth, 2 feet 5 inches; length, 6 feet 2 inches

### [See illustration]

367. LEATHER-COVERED WALNUT ARMCHAIR Florentine, XVI Century Flat molded arms on square supports continuing into similar legs and terminating in acanthus-carved finials; the back and seat covered in deep russet leather secured with brass-headed nails.

368. LEATHER-COVERED WALNUT ARMCHAIR Florentine, XVI Century
Similar to the preceding; with base rails terminating in lion-claw feet.

369. Carved Walnut Leather-covered Armchair

feet.

Piedmontese, XVI Century

Flat molded arms on balustered supports with acanthus-leaf carved finials

extending into quadrangular legs, with flat base rails terminating in lionclaw feet; leather-covered back and seat studded with brass nails; finished with gold fringe.

370. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET LOW CHAIR

Spanish, XVI Century

80 — The back with scroll-carved cross rail centring a cartouche; plain supports terminating in volute-carved finials; baluster-turned legs, terminating in blocks at the top and base; red velvet seat, with silk fringe.

Molded top with dentiled apron enclosing two drawers, richly carved with floral motives and central mascaron; three larger mascarons flanking and separating the drawers and surmounting three pilasters carved with candelabro motives; the latter enclosing two paneled doors bearing splendid coats of arms, the left one surmounted by a putto bearing a banderolle inscribed with the motto: Succumbat virtuti, Fraus; the right one surmounted by a winged eagle. Gadrooned base with acanthus motive at the centre; on lion-paw feet.

[See illustration]

372. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET LOW CHAIR

Sienese, XVI Century

Scrolled balusters, surmounted by broad scrolled broken pediment; blocked and balustered supports terminating in vase-shaped pinnacles; blocked, balustered legs and box stretcher.

373. SAVONAROLA BEECHWOOD CHAIR Florentine, XVI Century With nine interlacing staves; molded arms, back rails with incised rosettes.

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No. 371. Carved Walnut Gredenza



No. 374. Carved Walnut Credenza

Molded top with dentil-carved frieze and two rosette-carved drawers.

Single door below lavishly carved with central bust of a patrician surrounded by eagles, cherub head and floral motives; pilasters carved with demi-nymph figures; on lion-paw feet.

Height, 3 feet; length, 2 feet 10 inches

From the family of the Marchese Peruzzi, Villa di Fiesole

[See illustration]

375. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET STATE CHAIR

Tuscan, XVI Century

Frontal arm supports carved with acanthus-leaves in high relief and gilded; acanthus-leaf finials to back supports; finely carved frontal stretcher, and curious lion-claw feet to base rails; seat and back covered in crimson velvet with crimson velvet border.

376. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET STATE CHAIR

Tuscan, XVI Century

250 Similar to the preceding.

377. CARVED WALNUT LIBRARY TABLE Florentine, XVI Century

140 Rectangular top, with deep apron carved with bold gadroonings and having one drawer; on lyre-shaped scrolled supports with valanced cross stretcher.

378. CARVED WALNUT CASSONE

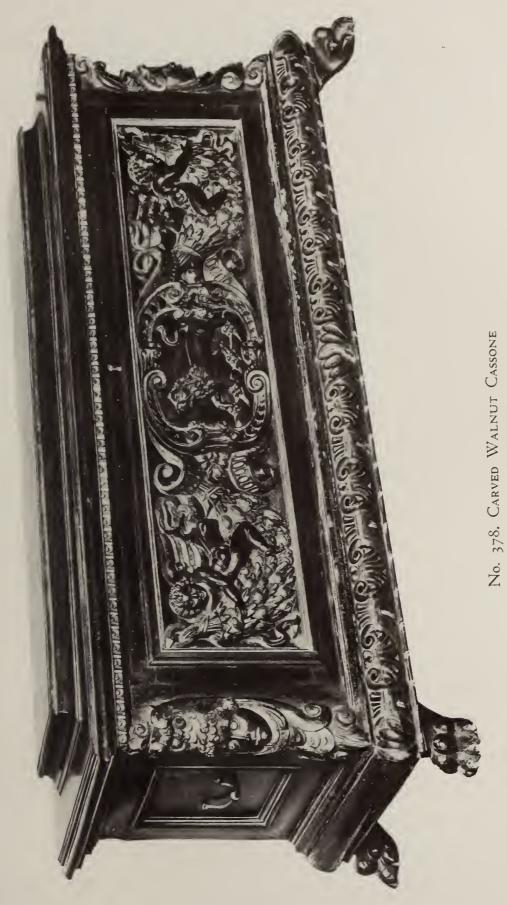
Wenetian, XVI Century

Molded lifting lid; panel occupying almost the entire front of the cassone

magnificently carved in haut relief depicting a cherub perched on a festoon
on either side of a central shield, on which is a lion rampant.

Length, 5 feet 9 inches; width, 2 feet

From Baron Leonino da Zara, Padua





No. 379. Pair Carved Walnut Floral Brocade Armchairs

379. PAIR CARVED WALNUT FLORAL BROCADE ARMCHAIRS

Florentine, XVI Century

Approximately square back, with gilded acanthus-leaf finials; flat molded arms, on quadrangular supports continuing into similar legs, set on ciabatte rails, terminating in lion-paw feet. Seat and back covered with gold floral brocade, woven in multicolors and finished with greenish yellow silk fringe. Unusually rare specimens. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

[See illustration]

380. PAIR CARVED WALNUT FLORAL BROCADE ARMCHAIRS

Florentine, XVI Century

800 - Similar to the preceding. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

381. PAIR CARVED WALNUT FLORAL BROCADE ARMCHAIRS

Florentine, XVI Century

800. Similar to the preceding. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

WITH THE WORDS WALNUT CABINET A DEUX CORPS Ligurian, XVI Century With two molded doors in the upper and lower portions, with molded knobs, divided and flanked by fluted pilasters; in the lower portion two drawers and molded frieze; molded cornice to top portion with bracketed and pinnacled frieze; paneled sides; on carved lion-claw feet.

Height, 6 feet 8 inches; width, 4 feet 3 inches



No. 382. Walnut Cabinet a Deux Corps



No. 383. Carved Walnut Parcel-Gilded Cabinet

## 383. CARVED WALNUT PARCEL-GILDED CABINET

Roman, Late XVI Century

Architectural design; the front with three niches adorned with allegorical bronze figures, each niche flanked by box drawers separated by four groups of classic columns. Balustered gallery surmounting molded cornice, interrupted by four rampant bronze horses supported on molded pedestals, and two urn-shaped vases at either end, ornamented with lion masks and having urn finials; the base with four rectangular drawers separated by panels carved with cornucopiae and other Renaissance motives.

From Marquis Muti, Rome

[See illustration]

[END OF SECOND SESSION]





# THIRD AND LAST SESSION

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#### BRONZES

- 384. Bronze Secchio, or Well-bucket Lombardian, XV Century With bail handle formed of two dolphin heads. Beautiful patine. Rare.

  1750

  Diameter, 9 inches
  - 385. PAIR GILDED SILVER CANDLESTICKS Florentine, XVI Century
    Balustered cylindrical stem, with bands of filigree; on molded spreading
    base. Very curious form.

    Height, 9 inches
  - 386. Two Gothic Forged Iron Torcheres Tuscan, XV Century Round knopped shaft, on Gothic arched tripod base, with leaf-shaped feet.

    Heights, 4 feet and 4 feet 3 inches
- 387. PAIR SMALL BRONZE CANDLESTICKS Venetian, XV Century
  Bell-shaped, with tall cylindrical handle, forming the candle-holder; discshaped grease-tray; the ornamentation consisting of three chiseled and silver
  inlaid shield-shaped coats of arms.

  Height, 5½ inches
  - 388. PAIR BRONZE CANDLESTICKS

    Venetian, XVI Century
    Finely balustered shaft, surmounted by saucer bobeche; on triangular volutescrolled base, terminating in claw feet.

    Height, 1 foot 6 inches

# BROCADES, VELVETS, DAMASKS AND EMBROIDERIES

All of the galloons, fringes and tassels are of the period. The linings are also of the period, with a few exceptions.

389. Two Embroidered Ruby-red Velvet Cushions
Italian, XVII Century
With floral panel in relief; bordered with silver and red silk fringe; tassels
at the corners.



With central appliqued medallion of green brocatelle, embroidered with green and yellow silks, and bearing the monogram of the Opera of the Duomo of Florence, O P A. Border with similar appliqued embroidery to centre. [Somewhat worn.] Very fine embroidery.

[See illustration above]

391. SUPERB BROCADE CHASUBLE

Luccan, XV Century

Woven with vases, flowers, animals and birds in varied brilliant colors on a crimson background; the border with varicolored geometrical designs.

Note: A very unusual and quite marvelous example; the colors, composition and execution place it as a specimen of the utmost importance.



No. 391. Superb Brocade Chasuble



No. 392. Embroidered Linen Nuptial Cover

392. Embroidered Linen Nuptial Cover Swiss, XVI Century Embroidered in multicolored chain-stitch on curious loosely woven ivorywhite linen, depicting the standing figure of the bride in marriage costume, 206 . with elaborate headdress, in blues, yellows and reds, surrounded by goldenyellow floral scrollings and the coats of arms of the families of the bride and groom at the top. Surmounting border embroidered a jour in multicolored silks and inscribed: Magdalena Naegeli, and the panel at the base dated MDLXVII. Extremely rare.

4 feet 11 inches by 2 feet 11 inches

From the Ormond Collection

[See illustration]

393. Embroidered Ivory-white Linen Table Cover

Italian, XV-XVI Century

Embroidered a jour in tan and white in Gothic design; with tan and white 130 fringe.

9 feet 9 inches by 7 feet

Note: An exceedingly rare specimen; it is unusual to find similar examples of this period and particularly in so perfect a state of preservation-a single piece of linen, with no defects, stains nor reparations.

From the Ormond Collection

394. Gothic Crimson Velvet Dalmatic Italian, XV Century Cut with pomegranate and characteristic Gothic scrollings; with blue damask frontal panel appliqued embroidered with the emblem of St. Peter and panel to back embroidered with coat of arms of Nicholas V [the pope for whom it was made about 1470], surrounded by scrollings in red and green silks and gold threads; the sleeves with corresponding panels.

Note: A superb example in a splendid state of preservation.



No. 394. GOTHIC CRIMSON VELVET DALMATIC





RICHLY EMBROIDERED GREEN VELVET CEREMONIAL CHAIR SETS [See Nos. 395-397]

- 395. RICHLY EMBROIDERED GREEN VELVET CEREMONIAL CHAIR SET Tuscan, XVI Century
- Back and seat cover; the latter with border at base extending to encompass the chair; the velvet cut to accommodate large embroidered *candelabro* motives and scrolled floral design in yellow, green and red silks, with small portions finished with appliqued red velvet.

2 feet 1 inch square

Note: It is most unusual to find a complete set of this quality, and especially in so fine a state of preservation.

From the Count Guerrini, Florence

- 396. RICHLY EMBROIDERED GREEN VELVET CEREMONIAL CHAIR SET Similar to the preceding.
- From the Count Guerrini, Florence
  - 397. RICHLY EMBROIDERED GREEN VELVET CEREMONIAL CHAIR SET Similar to the preceding.
- 400 See note to No. 395.

  From the Count Guerrini, Florence

398. CRIMSON CUT VELVET COVER Venetian, XVI Century Allover design with six-pointed stars within lobed medallions; scalloped border, with gold and rose chenille fringe. Lined in crimson satin. Fine example.

7 feet by 5 feet 5 inches

399. CIRCULAR WINE-RED VELVET COVER Florentine, Late XV Century Lobed border, edged with gold galloon and finished with red silk and gold 400. Fringe.

Note: A wonderful specimen.

Diameter, 4 feet 6 inches

From Count Niccolini, Florence

400. BEAUTIFUL GOLD BROCADE COVER Florentine, XVI Century
Woven with floral scrollings in gold and silver threads on a rose cannete
silk background. Bordered with gold galloon.

6 feet by 3 feet 7 inches

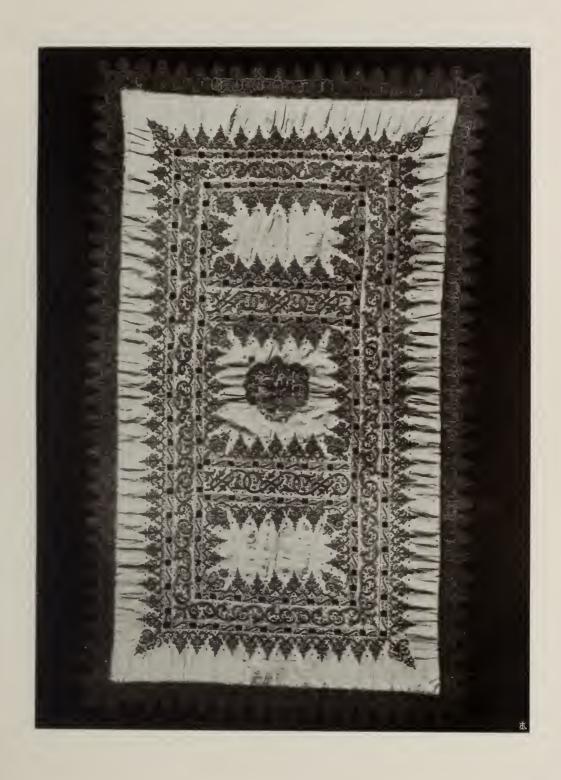
From the Marchese Guerrini, Florence

401. Embroidered Ivory Linen Cover Italian, XVI Century
In three panels; richly embroidered a deux faces with central coat of arms

325 surrounded by floral scrollings. Border of pinnacled thread lace.

5 feet 8 inches by 3 feet 4 inches

From the Ormond Collection



No. 401. Embroidered Ivory Linen Cover



No. 407. IMPORTANT BLUE AND WHITE DAMASK LEGENDARY COVERLET

403. SILVER BROCADE COVER

Florentine, XVI Century

175 Floral design woven in silver threads on an apricot background; bordered with silver galloon. Lined with rose silk.

3 feet 2 inches by 4 feet 10 inches

Note: A splendid specimen in a fine state of preservation.

With large floral motives woven in silver threads on a rose-crimson background; bordered with gold galloon, exhibiting a grapevine pattern. Lined with tawny-yellow silk.

5 feet 3 inches by 5 feet 6 inches

Note: A magnificent specimen.

From Count Falier, near Venice

405. CRIMSON SATIN CHASUBLE

Tuscan, XVI Century
Orphrey with appliqued velvet, embroidered in greens, yellow and ivory,

50. outlined with floral scrollings in gold threads.

From the Count Guerrini, Florence

Lustrous crimson velvet, with olive-green velvet border at top and the sides

bordered with silver galloon; fine silver fringe at the lower edge. Embroidered central medallion depicting the Tree of Life surmounted by representation of the Madonna and Child.

Height, 3 feet; length, 6 feet 9 inches

407. IMPORTANT BLUE AND WHITE DAMASK LEGENDARY COVERLET

German, Early XVI Century

Blue ground, damascened in ivory with recurring lateral designs, as follows:

A walled town, with spires, captioned Die Stadt Silija [the town of S.]; facing female figures, holding dogs in leash, and inscribed Des Koeniges Tochter [The King's daughter]; and figure of a mounted St. George slaying the Dragon, with caption Ritter S. George [The knight St. George], alternating with trees. The piece is woven so that the individual designs are opposed, the repeat being the reversed, or mirror image of the original.

6 feet 6 inches square

Note: An important group of similar pieces is in the Victoria and Albert Museum, London.

From the Ormond Collection

408. Rose-Crimson Cut Velvet Cover Florentine, XVI Century Allover design of arabesques enclosing conventionalized floral motives in 625 rose-crimson cut velvet; bordered with gold galloon, with large handsome gold tassels at the corners. Lined in rose silk.

4 feet 6 inches by 5 feet 5 inches

409. Embroidered Ivory Satin Cover Italian, XV-XVI Century With jardiniere and floral design alternating with the monogram I S 60 . [Isotta Sigismondo] in beautiful blue and yellow silks.

2 feet 1) inches by 2 feet

410. VERY BEAUTIFUL CERULEAN-BLUE FLORAL DAMASK COVER

Italian, XVII Century

275-Large floral and foliage pattern, trimmed with rick silk fringe to match. Fashioned in four panels.

10 feet by 8 feet 4 inches

Note: A wonderful specimen, in a perfect state of preservation.

From Countess Macola's villa near Venice

# 175. - 410 A. Cover JEWELRY

411. CRYSTAL RING SET IN ENAMELED GOLD

Spanish, XVI-XVII Century 35.—Red crystal, pyramidal in form, the band enameled in black and white.

- 412. PAIR ENAMELED GOLD EARRINGS Italian, Early XIX Century Bell-shaped, in enameled gold, with tiny gold knockers pendant on the in-40 side, each with a tiny pearl drop.
  - Spanish [?], XVII Century 413. PAIR ENAMELED GOLD EARRINGS Enameled in white, with little pearl drops.

Note: The quality of the enamel places these fine earrings as either of Sicilian or Spanish workmanship.

414. PAIR CAT'S EYE EARRINGS Venetian, XVIII Century Composed of cat's eye drops depending from small cat's eye beads, mounted 55 in gold, set with brilliants, emeralds and rubies.

Note: Earrings similar to these were greatly in vogue in Venice since the early eighteenth century.

415. PAIR SMALL STEFL SCISSORS INLAID WITH MOTHER-OF-PEARL

Venetian, XVII-XVIII Century

15.—The scissors are of steel, inlaid with mother-of-pearl; in original case of white silk embroidered in gold and colored silks.

Note: A curious and rather rare étui, because of its completeness.

416. TOUCHSTONE SEAL SET IN GOLD

French, End of the XVIII Century

The cutting of the stone represents a classic pagan sacrifice, with the spectators forming a procession on the way to the altar. Mounted in duo-tone gold.

Note: Whilst the engraving of the gold might be of Italian origin of the end of the eighteenth century, inspired by the classic art, the fine finish and also the use of two tones of gold would indicate that this example is more probably French of the same period.

417. CRYSTAL AND ENAMELED GOLD RING

Spanish [?], XVI-XVII Century

The mounting is enameled in black and white and bears in the centre a crystal of pyramidal form.

418. CARNELIAN SEAL RING MOUNTED IN GOLD

Italian, XVIII Century

Intaglio cut with representation of Ulysses landing the booty from Eolo. The seal is curiously pivoted, making it adjustable in using it as a seal. The carnelian bears the Greek inscription [transliterated]: Polukleitou.

Note: The stone and the setting both belong to the eighteenth century when it was the mode to inscribe cameos with the names of classic heroes, as in this example, Policleto.

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AQUAMARINE RING SET IN GOLD Italian [?], XVIII Century The stone is intaglio cut with representation of Jupiter in the act of pointing to an eagle standing in front of him; bearing the Greek inscription [transliterated]: Krolluy.

Note: The stone and the setting both belong to the eighteenth century, when it was fashionable to inscribe cameos with the names of classic masters, as in this case.



No. 420



No. 421

420. CRYSTAL RING SET IN GOLD

German [?], XVI Century

The gold ring is lightly decorated with varicolored enamels and is set with a square crystal. In original leather case, tooled and gilded.

Note: See the following, which this ring closely resembles.

[See illustration above]

421. CRYSTAL AND GOLD RING

German [?], XVI Century

A very intricate design, set with a pyramidal crystal mounted on a red talcum background; in original leather case, tooled and gilded.

Note: The origin of this and other similar rings [one of which was in the Spitzer Collection] is still uncertain.

## [See illustration above]

422. HYACINTH RING

Graeco-Roman

Oval hyacinth stone, intaglio cut, representing a Bacchante—or perhaps

Dionysius himself—carrying a little lamb on his back; mounted in gold.

Note: The setting is modern.

423. GOLD RING SET WITH HARD STONE

Italian [?], Late XVIII Century

Dark blue stone cut with representation of a Saint and a classic sacrifice. The gold ring is chiseled with two heads of calves.

Note: The cutting of the stone and the chiseling of the gold seem to be Italian rather than French, about the eighteenth century.

424. CHALCEDONY RING SET IN GOLD

Southern Italian, XV Century and Roman, I Century [?]

Finely chiseled gold ornamentation of clusters of grapes, at which two birds are pecking. The stone is secured with little prongs which enable the entire gem to be seen; it is intaglio cut with the head of a hero.

425. Lapis Lazuli Ring Set in Gold Roman, II Century Intaglio cut stone representing the figure of a peasant and a donkey. Set in yellow gold.

Note: By reason of the character of the cutting, this ring can be attributed to Roman art of the II century, and the very simple, even rustic setting, to that of a century later.

426. LAPIS LAZULI RING SET IN GOLD

Superimposed on the stone is a classic male profile in chiseled gold. The ring is also in gold.

Note: The relief is very probably inspired by a Roman coin.

427. GOLD RING ENCIRCLED WITH CRYSTALS SET IN SILVER

Tuscan, XVIII Century

50 Circular, with crystals in silver setting.

Note: This type of ring is peculiar to Tuscany of the eighteenth century.

- Cut in relief with the head of a putto. The gold mounting is lightly chiseled with palmette design. The setting is to be attributed to the Italian art of the sixteenth century, but the cameo is certainly classic, and exhibits the patine of the excavations.
- With decoration in relief of amorini, symbols of War, of the Drama and Music; the base depicting an open air theatre, with two actors and a running hound; spreading base with leafage decoration; on four ebony ball feet.

  Height, 31/4 inches; length, 53/4 inches
  - Oval ivory miniature, set in gold mounting and protected by a crystal; presenting the demi-figure of a young woman wearing a French costume of the beginning of the eighteenth century.

Note: Delicately painted miniature, with characteristic costume of the period, and undoubtedly a French objet d'art of the first half of the eighteenth century.

431. PORPHYRY BONBONNIERE WITH MOSAIC INSET

French and Italian, Late XVIII Century

Circular, in green porphyry, mounted in gold; hall marked with an eagle's beak, peculiar to Parisian productions. On the cover is a very fine mosaic in tiny stones, representing a rabbit nibbling at some grass.

Note: The treatment of the porphyry and the mosaic work must be attributed either to Florence or Rome, but the setting is distinctly Parisian.

432. Miniature Painted on Ivory Mounted in Gold

English, End of the XVIII Century

90 Oval; displaying a young man leading a young woman to the scene of a sacrifice. The altar on which the sacrifice is placed is of mother-of-pearl and tiny pearls; framed in gold with geometrical decoration.

Note: The painting shows the miniature to have been executed by a fine English painter about the end of the eighteenth century.

- 433. Tortoise-shell Bonbonniere, Decorated with a Miniature Italian, XVIII Century
- Circular, mounted in gold. On the cover is a miniature painting representing Venus standing on the shell, accompanied by three little cupidons.

Note: The style of the painting of the very fine miniature proves the bonbonnière to be a Neapolitan *objet d'art*.

- 434. Enameled Gold and Silver Pendant Set with Rubies, Emeralds
  And Pearls
  French, XVIII Century
- Depending from a ring set with pearls is a wreath of rubies, pearls and emeralds, centring an oval medallion in enameled gold, depicting a sleeping shepherdess. From the wreath depend three ruby drops.

Note: The delicacy of the enamel colors shows this pendant to be French rather than Venetian, of the eighteenth century.

435. ENAMELED GOLD VINAIGRETTE Venetian, XVI Century In the form of a small casque, enameled in rose and azure, arranged to open at one end.

Note: An exquisite little bibelot, and particularly interesting because it exhibits the great refinement of Venetian taste in jewelry at that period.

436. Enameled Gold Vinaigrette Venetian, XVI Century

35. Ovolo-shaped, in variously colored enamels; opening at one end.

437. Enameled Gold Vinaigrette French, XVIII Century In the form of an acorn, enameled in blue; with screw cover to top.

Note: The enamel work recalls the French porcelains, in the Chinese manner.

438. CRYSTAL SCENT BOTTLE MOUNTED IN GOLD

French, Early XVIII Century

In the form of a small flask, with fishbone decoration cut in crystal. Mounted in chiseled gold displaying various motives; the bottom opening to disclose a bonbonniere.

439. RED MOROCCO CARNET, MOUNTED IN GOLD

French, Beginning of the XIX Century

The carnet is in red morocco, mounted in gold and having a gold pencil clasp which serves to close the book. Interior with a miniature on ivory displaying the portrait of a young lady, signed, SAMBAT. There is also a calendar pad of the year 1816.

Note: A fascinating and curious little object, the artistic value of which is enhanced by the very fine miniature by G. B. Sambat, French painter of the XVIII-XIX century.

440. PORTRAIT MINIATURE WITH THE INSIGNIA OF A CAVALIERISTIC ORDER French, XIX Century

Oval glass medallion enclosing a silhouetted miniature a deux faces painted on ivory and portraying a young woman—on one side her face and on the other the back of her head, both naturalistically painted. Around her waist and over her shoulder she wears a blue and white ribbon [the Order of Maria Luisa of Spain] to which is attached the insignia of the Order of the Croce Stellata. The insignia itself is in enameled gold, with a double-headed eagle surmounting the motto: Salus et Gloria.

Note: This miniature is unusual and is remarkably well executed; the portrait is that of the Princess Luisa Carlotta, daughter of Francesco I, Re delle due Sicilie; she later married Don Francesco di Paola, Infante di Spagna, and the Order of the Croce Stellata was conferred upon her on the occasion of her wedding.

441. GOLD BROOCH SET WITH VARIOUS STONES

Venetian, Late XVII Century

With amethysts, garnets, turquoises and other stones; in the form of a small plant, the branches in yellow gold and the leaves of stones.

From the sale of part of the treasure of the Sanctuary of the Madonna in San Luca, near Bologna

442. DIAMOND PENDANT SET IN GOLD French, XVIII Century
In the form of a bunch of grapes, composed of fifteen diamonds of three
sizes, set in gold.

- 443. Ruby, Diamond and Enameled Gold Insignia of a Cavalieristic Order Florentine, XVIII Century
- 55 Enameled gold crown and cavalieristic cross of the Tuscan Order of St. Stephen depending from a diamond and ruby bowknot set in silver.

Note: The very close setting of the diamonds is characteristic of the Florentine goldsmith's art of the eighteenth century, and to this epoch belongs the Tuscan Order of St. Stephen.

444. 'EGLOMISE CRYSTAL' PENDANT A DEUX FACES SET IN GOLD
Lombardian, XVI Century

The oval crystal plaquette is pendant from three gold chains and is mounted in a gold frame; one crystal is painted with a representation of the Purification and bears the inscription: *Presentatio Mariae*; the other depicts the RESURRECTION, with the inscription: *Mors tua vita mea*.

Note: The style of the painting is that of the Lombardian School of the sixteenth century.

[See illustration opposite page 172]

- 445. GOLD AND SILVER PENDANT SET WITH DIAMONDS AND PEARLS
  Florentine, XVIII Century
- In the form of a tiny cross, set with six diamonds and four small pearls at the extremities. The ring for suspension is also set with a little diamond.

Note: This little cross is undoubtedly Florentine, as the rather severe and simple taste of the design would indicate, and of which the close setting of the diamonds is also characteristic.

From the Count Alberti, Florence

446. SILVER AND STEEL ETUI IN ORIGINAL LEATHER CASE

Italian, XVI Century

- In a little gilded leather case are contained a pair of gilded scissors, a knife and a stiletto, all with silver handles terminating in leonic forms.
  - 447. CRYSTAL AND ENAMELED GOLD PENDANT

Flemish [?], XVI Century

In the form of a scrolled cartouche with a small gold crucifix beneath the oval crystal framed in gold, enameled in white and azure, with three small diamond and pearl drops; the reverse enameled in blue and white.

Note: This pendant, even though we know of similar ones coming from Lucca, does not seem to be of Italian workmanship, and may rather be attributed to Flanders, from whence Luccans derived many works of art.

448. GILDED BRONZE TABLE CLOCK German, XVI Century Circular; with incised and gilded bronze exterior and interior, depicting foliage and hunting scenes; the bottom is hinged and opens to disclose the movement of the clock and also a quadrant.

Note: A very beautiful example of *ciselé* bronze, of South German work-manship.

449. ENAMELED GLASS VINAIGRETTE Venetian, XVI-XVII Century Circular flask-shape; in fused glass of several tones; on one side is a medallion in colored enamels, displaying two white hands holding a blue heart.

The stopper is in the form of a Turk's head, also in varicolored enamels.

Note: Of this type of Venetian glass there remain only a few examples; among them some small figures in the Vienna Museum.

450. CORAL AND ENAMELED GOLD PENDANT

Southern Italian, XVI-XVII Century

Oval coral a deux faces; intaglio cut on one side, with a bust of the Eternal Father, and on the other with a bust of the Madonna; mounted in enameled gold.

Note: Very probably a South Italian or Sicilian votive jewel.

- 451. ENAMELED GOLD CROSS PENDANT WITH PEARL AND GARNET DROPS Flemish [?], XVI Century
- In the form of a cross, from the arms of which depend a garnet and a pearl; the cross is of filigree gold and the figure of the Christ is in enameled gold.

  See note to No. 447.
  - 452. CRYSTAL PENDANT, ENCLOSING TWO MINIATURE PAINTINGS
    Florentine, XV and XVI Centuries

Oval pendant, a deux faces, with beautiful miniature paintings protected by rock crystal, mounted in a gold frame enameled in ruby-red and characteristic enamel-green. The pendant is suspended from three small gold chains and the miniatures are painted on parchment; on the one side depicting the MADONNA, and on the other the ANGEL OF THE ANNUNCIATION.

Note: The two miniatures were apparently originally painted on a single piece of parchment and presumably represented The annunciation; they were severed at a later date to make this jewel. They are the work of a Florentine miniaturist of the end of the fifteenth century, whilst the enamel work, which is also Florentine, belongs to the sixteenth century.

453. GARNET AND CRYSTAL NECKLACE Flemish [?], XVI Century
The necklace is composed of eighty small garnets, each group of ten separated by a gold bead, and having an enameled gold plaquette set with a red
crystal depending from the centre.

See note to No. 447.

454. 'EGLOMISE CRYSTAL' AND GILDED SILVER PENDANT

Lombardian, Second half of the XVI Century

In the shape of a book in gilded silver, bearing on one cover a painting of The Crucifixion, and the other cover with the Agnus dei. Opening to disclose two paintings, depicting the Weeping mother and Moses.

Note: The type of painting [so-called 'églomisé'] and the whole style of the pendant indicate it to be Lombardian of the second half of the sixteenth century.

Oval; mounted in enameled gold frame; painted on the obverse with a PIETÀ, and bearing the inscription: Cuius livore r s sanatus, and on the reverse the RESURRECTION, with the inscription: Ego sum resurrectio et vita.

Note: The painting beneath the crystal and the inscriptions are executed in the erroneously called *églomisé* style, a type much in vogue in Lombardy, and particularly in this variety of colors, in the sixteenth century; the style of the painting also is distinctly Lombardian.

- 456. DIAMOND AND CARNELIAN CAMEO PENDANT SET IN ENAMELED GOLD Limoges, XVI Century
- Enameled in black and white, having an oval carnelian in the centre, sur
  120 rounded by diamonds and cut with a figure now scarcely discernible.

Note: The quality of the enamel work, as well as the contrasted coloring, indicates it to be of Limoges artistry. The carnelian is from the excavations, and is very much worn.

457. ENAMELED GOLD NECKLACE SET WITH DIAMONDS

Florentine, XVI Century

The necklace is composed of twelve medallions joined by a chain of gold links, each medallion in the shape of a tiny rose, centred by a diamond. The enameling on the obverse is entireley in red, green and white, and the reverse in white only.

Note: The contour of the medallions and the quality of the enamel distinguish this piece from the trans-Alpine jewelry of this epoch. It is an exquisite bit of Florentine workmanship of about the middle of the sixteenth century.

458. SMALL ENAMELED GOLD PENDANT WATCH

French, Louis XVI Period

In the form of a bivalvular shell in translucent green guilloche enamel, bordered with small pearls; opening to disclose a tiny watch bearing the signature: Caillot à Paris.

Note: Shell-shaped watch cases have been made since the seventeenth century, but this example displays the exquisite nicety of French eighteenth century workmanship.

459, SMALL ROCK CRYSTAL BONBONNIERE, MOUNTED IN GOLD

French [?], End of the XVIII Century

75—The bonbonniere is circular in shape, the bottom cut with a stellate motive, and the cover with the head of an emperor within a laurel wreath, inspired by some Roman model.

460. Small Onyx Jewel Case Mounted in Gold

Florentine, XVI Century

In the shape of a coupe, the bowl, stem and base in onyx, mounted in enamled gold.

Note: By reason of this beautiful little object being of onyx, and also because of the quality of the enamel work, it is certain that it is of Florentine workmanship of the second half of the sixteenth century.

From the Marquis Stiozzi Ridolfi, Florence

[See illustration]

461. Tortoise-shell and Enameled Gold Jewel Case

Florentine, XVI Century

170 — The oval coupe in tortoise-shell is mounted on a gold base enameled in black and white.

[See illustration]

462. Enameled Gold Vinaigrette Set with Diamonds and Pearls French, XVIII Century

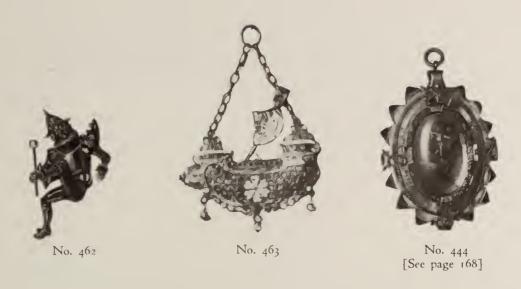
Representing an articulated dancing jester holding a sceptre with a pearl in the hilt; variously enameled in white, azure and red; the coat with diamond buttons and the collar also set with diamonds. The head and body are both hinged, making two openings to the vinaigrette.

Note: The execution of this little jester and especially his finely chiseled roguish face, recalls the gay French court of the eighteenth century, where the Italian masks were so greatly in vogue; the design, as well as the technique of the enamel work, reminds us in this charming bijou [undoubtedly of Parisian make] of the elegance of French painters of the Watteau period.

[See illustration]

463. ENAMELED GOLD PENDANT Flemish [?], XVI Century Model of a Venetian galley under full sail, and from the lower portion of which depend four small pearls.

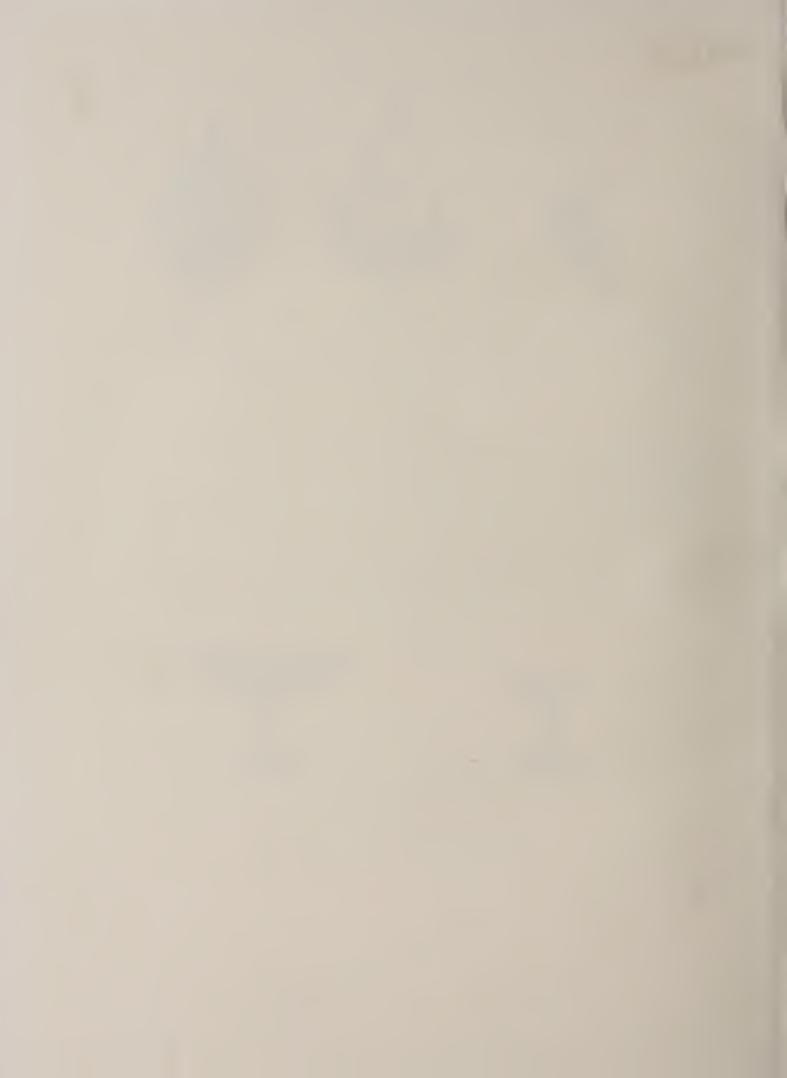
Note: A pendant quite similar to this one, both in execution and style, was in the Spitzer Collection and it was attributed to Italian art of the sixteenth century. The quality of the enamel work corresponds to that of other jewels found in Lucca. See note to No. 447.



Enameled Gold Pendants and Vinaigrette



Tortoise-shell and Onyx Jewel Cases



Oval, with hinged cover; of translucent enamel in silver-gray tone, guilloché. On the cover is an oval enamel medallion representing a lady in the act of reading, with Cupid by her side. In the interior are the initials LJJB.

Note: The entire decoration, the skilful blending of the enamel and the admirable polychroming of the miniature on the cover make a veritable master-piece of this little snuff box, of French workmanship, Louis Seize period.

#### 465. POLYCHROMED CARVED IVORY PENDANT

Flemish-Rhenish, Early XV Century

Oval ivory pendant encased in rock crystal, on a silver background. The relief displays the mystic Marriage of St. Catharine of Alexandria, with a representation above of the Eternal Father in the act of blessing, and beneath the head of a little angel. The ivory is beautifully polychromed on its entire surface.

Note: The very fine preservation of the polychroming gives to this ivory relief the effect of a miniature painting. The delicate coloring is characteristic of Flemish art of this type; while it has that particular grace in the drawing peculiar to Rhenish miniature paintings, and especially found in Cologne in the first half of the fifteenth century. It is a unique example of that ultra-refined art [sometimes exaggerated to a point of affectation] which originated in Flanders and found its way to France, Germany and Northern Italy, especially to Verona and Milan, but this example is in all probability Flemish-Rhenish art. Most uncommon is the representation of the mystic marriage of St. Catherine, depicting the Saint seated on the throne with the Holy Mother.

From the Golini Baldeschi Family, Perugia

466. ENAMELED GOLD ETUI French, End of the XVIII Century
The case with four oval medallions displaying respectively, Venus, DIANA
THE HUNTRESS and two AMORINI. In original snake-skin case.

Note: The ornateness of the design, the gold and the enameling indicate that this is a French piece of the eighteenth century.

From the Marquis Stiozzi Ridolfi, Florence

467. AMETHYST AND ROCK CRYSTAL PENDANT Florentine, XVI Century Rock crystal pendant set with an amethyst, cut with a presentation of the Christ; mounted in gold setting bearing traces of white enamel, pendant from three gold chains.

Note: The cutting of the amethyst recalls the manner of Sansovino, whilst the shape of the pendant as a whole points to the first half of the sixteenth century.

468. CRYSTAL AND GOLD NECKLACE Venetian, XVIII Century Composed of eleven green crystals, one of which forms the clasp; mounted in gold and silver studded with diamonds, the crystals connected by two fine gold chains. There are five green crystal pendants surrounded by diamonds.

Note: The workmanship of the chain indicates this necklace to be a Venetian bijou of the eighteenth century.

469. Ruby and Diamond Cross Mounted in Enameled Gold Venetian, XVI Century

The small cross is set with rubies and diamonds, and opens at the top in the manner of a reliquary. On the interior is a motto in *niello*, reading: Sanguis dni nostri IHS x p i, and also representation of the symbols of the Passion in *niello*.

Note: Because of the particular shape of the cross, it is attributed to Venetian art of the sixteenth century.

470. CRYSTAL AND ENAMELED GOLD NECKLACE Spanish, XVI Century
The necklace is composed of eleven plaquettes of bowknot design in green
crystal, joined by gold links enameled in red and white; the little ribbon
bows are in white enamel, set with small diamonds, and from each depends
a pearl, a diamond and an emerald drop. The reverse of finely chiseled
gold.

Note: The manner of the setting of the crystals and the quality of the enamel, together with the general color scheme, seem to place this bijou as an example of the Spanish goldsmith's art of the second half of the sixteenth century.

471. ENAMELED GOLD VOTIVE PENDANT German, XVI-XVII Century Circular lantern-shaped; with crystal panels and in the interior a figure in enameled gold representing the Madonna standing on the globe.

Note: The design and the quality of the enamel work place this as a South German example.

472. Enameled Gold Votive Pendant Set with Pearls

German, XVI Century

Lantern-shaped; with four crystal panels; the framework enameled in azure and white, with a pearl depending from the centre. On the interior are four groups carved in wood, representing, respectively: The flagellation; The crowning with thorns; Veronica, and Christ on the road to calvary.

Note: The design, as well as the carvings, places this precious votive pendant amongst the works of the South German artists.

A73. RUBY AND GOLD NECKLACE, BEARING THE INSIGNIA OF A
CAVALIERISTIC ORDER German ([?], XVII Century

The necklace is composed of thirty-nine rubies mounted in gold and

applique on a black silk ribbon; from the centre depends a double-headed eaglet in gold, and from the eagle a gold cross, set with rubies.

474. 'EGLOMISE CRYSTAL' PENDANT Venetian, XVI Century Oval crystal medallion a deux faces, portraying The Adoration of the MAGI on the obverse and The presentation in the temple on the reverse; mounted in enameled gold.

Note: The Adoration of the Magi closely resembles the paintings of Leandro Bassano; it is therefore probable that the medallion is of Venetian workmanship of the second half of the sixteenth century.

475. Ruby and Enameled Gold Necklace Venetian, XVI Century
The necklace is composed of fifteen plaquettes of palmette design, enameled
in white, each one centring a ruby and surmounted by a tiny human head
in gold, wearing a white enameled turban. The reverse with elaborate gold
chiseling.

Note: The form of the palmettes is in the Oriental taste, and the lively tints of the enamel are indicative of the Venetian goldsmith's art of the sixteenth century.

476. SILVER-MOUNTED 'ELEMOSINIERA' German, XVI Century
The silver clasp chiseled with medallions, surrounded by stems, terminates at
the top with the figure of a putto, and bears the motto spero [I hope] in
red niello. On the inside of the spring clasp is an undecipherable hall mark.
The sacque itself is in ivory-tinted cut velvet exhibiting blue floral design.

Note: The ornateness of the design and the sharp chiseling of the silver indicate that this work cannot be classified as Italian art, but is of the German Renaissance.

From the Count Chiericati of Vicenza



No. 476. SILVER-MOUNTED 'ELEMOSINIERA'



477. Agate Pendant Mounted in Gold and Silver, Set with Diamonds Sienese, XIV Century

850 The agate cameo depicts the face of the Virgin, mounted in silver and gold, set with diamonds and chiseled with leaf motives.

Note: The silver and gold mounting is of Tuscan workmanship of the seventeenth century and very probably Florentine, but the type of the cameo appears to be of a much earlier period. The modeling of the Madonna recalls the Sienese paintings of the fourteenth century; we might think it a copy of fourteenth century models if the carving of the cameo did not have the particular naïveté of form characteristic of that period, and never found in works of an imitator of a later period which inevitably exhibit more sophisticated traits. Especially in the Madonna's face and particularly in the eyes, with their primitive expression and the globular shape of the iris, is conclusive evidence of Sienese-Byzantine influence. The drapery of the figure has a Gothic subtility, while the coiffure beneath the veil bespeaks the manner of Byzantine iconography; therefore the cameo must be attributed to the first half of the fourteenth century. The attribution may seem a little doubtful in view of the fact that we lack historical evidence of this type of art having flourished in Italy at this time [notwithstanding the fact that historical documents in regard to this type begin with the end of the fourteenth century]; however, we have a few examples which prove that this kind of workmanship was not wholly unknown in Italy since the beginning of the thirteenth century. This type of cameo carving was highly developed in the Byzantine period, and certain it is that Byzantine art had a profound influence on the Sienese toward the end of the thirteenth century, especially in the work of Duccio di Buoninsegna, and in all probability these Byzantine carved stones inspired the emulation of the Sienese goldsmiths, at a time, however, when the Sienese artisans were manifesting their own original technique in the art of translucent enamel and were creating such masterpieces as for example the reliquary in Orvieto. It would be indeed surprising if, at a time when such a development had been reached in the workmanship of other metals, that a type of art so closely allied therewith had been forgotten. This cameo is testimony to the fact that the Sienese goldsmiths in the beginning of the fourteenth century turned their attention to the carving of stones with the same mastery that they exhibited in other branches of art. The stone is, as far as is known, unique and therefore most precious; it well merits the very rich frame in which it was set in the seventeenth century, not only because of its rarity, but also by reason of its artistic value. In this collection a parallel, of no less importance and as a matter of fact quite as extraordinary, is the chalcedony pendant, No. 488.

From the Villa of Count Palmieri, Siena

478. CARNELIAN PENDANT, MOUNTED IN ROCK CRYSTAL AND ENAMELED GOLD Florentine, XVI Century

Composed of two large oval carnelians set in a rock crystal frame, bordered in enameled gold, studded with pearls; suspended from three enameled gold chains, with attachment for fastening set with two pearls and a pearl drop pendant therefrom. One carnelian has a diagonal rift [which has been repaired at an early date with three tiny gold rivets, the rivets disguised by a ruby, an emerald and a diamond] and cut in relief with a female figure in the act of pointing to the Hebraic name of the Savior at the top, and near which is the inscription: Magni spes altera regni; standing in front of the principal figure is a little putto who offers a crystal heart on which a beehive is cut and the inscription: Plebis amor regis custodia. The other carnelian is intaglio cut with representation of John the Baptist pointing to the Madonna and Child. In a cartella is the inscription: E[cce] A[gnus] D[ei]; and in yet another cartella at the top are the letters: Deid. From the oval medallion depends a pearl.

Note: The workmanship and the quality of the enamel is purely Florentine of the middle of the sixteenth century; the relief of the carnelian recalls the art of Benvenuto Cellini and other Michelangiolesque artists. This large piece of jewelry, executed with refined accuracy, was certainly intended for a gift to some princely ruler as the inscriptions and allegorical figures indicate.

From the Marquis Stiozzi Ridolfi, Florence

479. AGATE CAMEO PENDANT MOUNTED IN ENAMELED GOLD

Graeco-Roman

325 The cameo is cut against a deep red background and represents a group of four heads—a young and an old man, a fawn and a ram.

Note: Whilst the cameo is of classic workmanship, the setting belongs to the Florentine art of the middle of the sixteenth century.

[See illustration below]



480. PEARL, EMERALD AND GOLD ENAMEL PENDANT

Italian, End of the XVI Century

An oval enameled gold plaquette, set with emeralds and depending from two gold chains, centres a baroque pearl, with representation of the Penitence of St. Jerome in gold and traces of enamel, the configuration of the pearl forming the rocks in the scene. On the reverse is engraved the monogram of the holy Virgin, V M.

Note: The setting of the emeralds and the entire shape of the pendant clearly denote Spanish influence on Italian art at the end of the sixteenth century.

481. GOLD NECKLACE SET WITH PEARLS, GLASS BEADS AND AN EMERALD Etruscan, IV Century B.C.

Comprising twenty-one small pearls and nineteen deep blue beads, joined together with small gold links; from the central bead depends an emerald.

Note: The corrosion of the glass beads and the design clearly show this graceful necklace, of such light color and delicacy of shape, to have come from the excavations. The very delicate workmanship of the beads festooning the emerald places it beyond doubt as Etruscan.

From Count Brenciaglia di Capodimonte

482. SILVER AND TRANSLUCENT ENAMEL PLAQUETTE

Florentine, End of the XV Century

A circular silver plaquette depicts in low relief the Virgin sitting on a Gothic throne, holding the Child, Who is portrayed in the act of opening a book. At the Madonna's feet is a tiny coat of arms with a crowned eaglet on a red background. The entire surface is covered with translucent enamel, giving the effect of a very delicate painting.

Note: This plaquette, to which the coat of arms adds a special importance, is of unique beauty, not only in the modeling of the relief, but also in the variety and perfect finish of the enamel, and may well be considered an exquisite example of the art of translucent enamel. The modeling of the Madonna is Giottesque, while that of the Child seems rather to betray Florentine art of the fourteenth century, although it also has the characteristics of Florence art of the end of the fifteenth century, the period to which it belongs.

483. ENAMELED GOLD PLAQUETTE Italian, XVI Century
Rectangular; representing the NATIVITY in slight relief, enameled over the
entire surface, partly in translucent and partly in opaque enamels; the
reverse in white enamel.

Note: The design is peculiar to the second half of the sixteenth century and the quality of the enamel work precludes the possibility of its being a Limoges creation, but rather places it as Italian, and probably Florentine.

484. PEARL AND ENAMELED GOLD VOTIVE JEWEL

Florentine, XVI Century

170 A baroque pearl, enameled with a depiction of the ETERNAL FATHER in the act of blessing.

Note: The fine execution of the work shows it to be Florentine art of the middle of the sixteenth century.

485. ENAMELED GOLD PENDANT Venetian, XVI Century Circular; with presentation of the VIRGIN AND CHILD in rilievo, enameled in

blue and white. The back is of gold chiseled with leaf motives.

Note: The outline of the leafage is slightly Arabian, while the unusual thickness of the enamel proves this bijou to be Venetian workmanship of the sixteenth century, and furthermore its provenience is Vicenza.

From the Count Chiericati, Vicenza

486. Sapphire and Gold Ring Inlaid with Silver

Byzantine-Ravennese, VII Century Massive gold ring ornamented with acanthus tendrils and leonic motives, the tails of the lions made prominent by the introduction of silver inlay. 2)5—It bears an interesting monogram which might be deciphered as Petrus and indicates that it may have been a seal ring; the sapphire is cabochon cut.

> Note: The acanthus tendrils recall the Byzantine-Ravennese art under Oriental influence while the two lions are rather inspired by classic art, although their shape is of a more ambiguous design [not, however, as uncertain as in some of the Italian marbles of the eighth century] and would place the workmanship at an epoch subsequent to the ambon in the cathedral at Ravenna [556-569]. The rather "sketchy" carving of the gold, somewhat tempered by the silver inlay, gives to this massive ring a certain grandiosity rather than crudity. It cannot be attributed to "barbaric" craftsmanship, but rather to the Byzantine art of the seventh century, very probably of Ravenna.

From the Count Battaglini di Rimini

487. Enameled Gold Pendant Set with Diamonds

Florentine, XVI Century

Oblong; with chimeric animal figures in varicolored enamels, and four small diamonds at the corners, with a larger one in the centre.

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Note: This pendant by reason of the elegance of its form and the refinement of the workmanship belongs to Florentine art of the epoch of Benvenuto Cellini, whose influence is clearly discerned in the capricious ornateness and the refined execution of the piece.

From the Cardinal Albergati, Bologna

[See illustration opposite page 186]

488. CHALCEDONY PENDANT SET IN ENAMELED GOLD

By Jacopo della Quercia [?], Sienese, 1371-1438 The pendant is carved in the form of a female bust; the reverse in gold, to

which is attached a little enameled leaf with a ring for hanging. The face of the bust is modeled in chalcedony, while the mantle is in blue enamel, the gown in green and the fillet about the head in ivory-white, bordered in red

Note: The style of the draperies is Gothic, of the utmost refinement, in the manner of Ghiberti and Della Quercia; the polychroming of the enamel can be likened to that of the wood statues and stuccos of the first half of the fifteenth century, in which period the red borders about fillets are also to be found. The carving of the face, when closely examined, appears to have a quality and expression resembling as a whole the classicism of Jacopo della Quercia, and at the same time it possesses his characteristic severity.

Although there is no historical evidence to prove that Jacopo was a master of the goldsmith's art, and notwithstanding the fact that we lack knowledge of similar works of art having been produced in Siena at this time [although in the fourteenth century Siena gave us examples like No. 477] still it is not at all improbable that, with the high development of all kinds of art in the fifteenth century and considering the very intimate connection between the jeweler's art and that of sculpture, Jacopo della Quercia may have turned his talents to this type of artistry. In any event, in discussing the attribution of this work, we must not fail to mention that the jewel is a very precious specimen of Sienese art of the fifteenth century, and in our personal opinion it is an original creation of the master.

From the Count Palmieri Nuti, Siena

[See illustration opposite page 186]

489. PAIR GOLD EARRINGS

Etruscan, IV Century B.C.

Filigree work in relief, representing WINGED VICTORIES; the figures depending from two small gold paterae [one wing missing]; executed in the type of Etruscan goldsmith's art which borrowed from the Greek in the Fourth century B.C. Especially are the smiling countenances of the Victories Grecian in style, while their realistic nude bodies are characteristic of Etruscan art.

From the Count Brenciaglia di Capodimonte

[See illustration]

490. PEARL, RUBY AND ENAMELED GOLD PENDANT

Roman, III Century, and German, XVI Century In two parts, joined together by gold chains set with pearls. The upper portion is in the shape of a ribbon-bow, centred by a ruby cut in the form of a child's head; the lower portion is of two pearls, one forming the body of a rabbit and the other the head. The ears, tail, feet and muzzle are enameled white, and the collar about the neck is of rubies and enameled gold. It is represented in the act of nibbling at some fruits.

Note: This pendant is a remarkable example of the skilful bizarre creations of the South German goldsmiths and exhibits all their expertness in enamel work, and the ruby centring the ribbon-bow is of rare value because of the difficulty in its execution and by reason of its coming from the excavations; it probably was originally set in some ancient ring, as we often find the classic rings set with stones cut in the form of *putto* heads.

#### [See illustration]

491. Enameled Gold Pendant Set with Rubies

AND A PEARL

Florentine, XVI Century

6 50—Representing a hound in white enamel, carrying on its back Cupid, the whole depending from a small gold chain.

Note: The type of the modeling distinguishes this piece as a Florentine work of the middle of the sixteenth century.

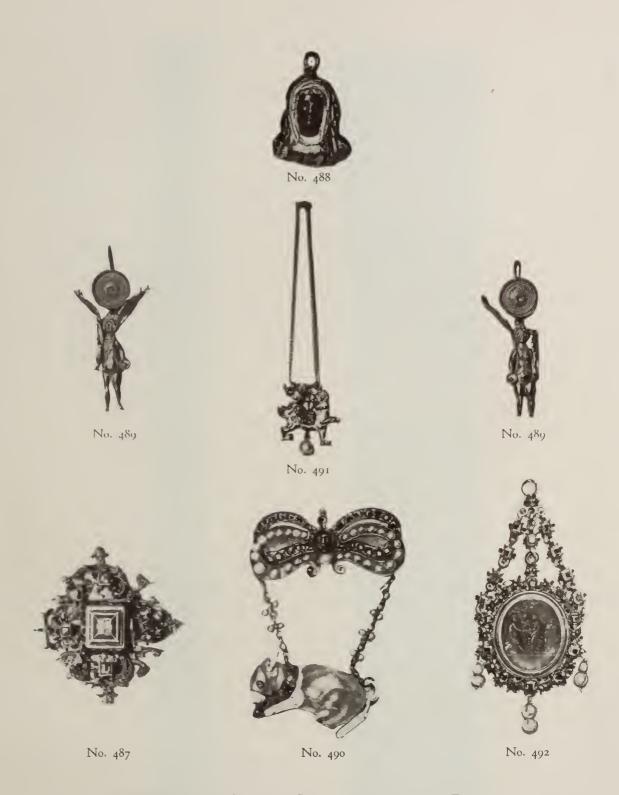
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492. EMERALD PLASMA GOLD PENDANT Florentine, XVI Century From three gold chains set with eight small rubies and a diamond, depends a miniature gold frame enameled with fruits and leaves, enclosing an oval

800 Temerald plaquette intaglio cut with the subject, The JUDGMENT OF PARIS. From the pendant hang three tiny gold chains, each adorned with two pearls.

Note: The design, the execution of the enamel work, as well as the incising of the gem, all belong to the Florentine art of about the middle of the sixteenth century, and strongly exhibit the influence of Benvenuto Cellini.

From the Count Michelozzi Giacomini of Florence



Enameled and Filigree Gold Pendants and Earrings
Set with Precious Stones



[Detail]



No. 493. GILDED SILVER AND ENAMELED GOLD BELT

### 493. GILDED SILVER AND ENAMELED GOLD BELT

Lombardian, XIV Century Composed of sixteen circular plaquettes in gilded silver, chiseled with Gothic foliage and each one centred with a silver and translucent enamel medallion, some circular and others quatrefoil in shape. The medallions display the busts of handmaidens and pages, and one bears the bust of an ancient attendant. The enamels are of such exquisite coloring that they have the veritable effect of gems set in the delicate gilded silver of the plaquettes. The clasp of the belt, which is only partially preserved, is also in gilded silver, pierced and chiseled, and is centred with an enameled medallion bearing the sacred monogram I H S. The plaquettes and clasp were undoubtedly originally made to form a belt, and have been at some subsequent time mounted on a velvet background.

Note: The same coiffures and costumes represented in this belt are to be seen on Italian miniatures and "frescos" of the XIV century [the men wear tightly fitting caps and the women's coiffure is held by a little net]. Also the Gothic design of the *repoussé* work on each plaquette composing the belt, shows it to be of the XIV century.

Monograms in the same shape are to be found on Lombardian miniatures of the beginning of the XV, and were probably used also during the XIV century.

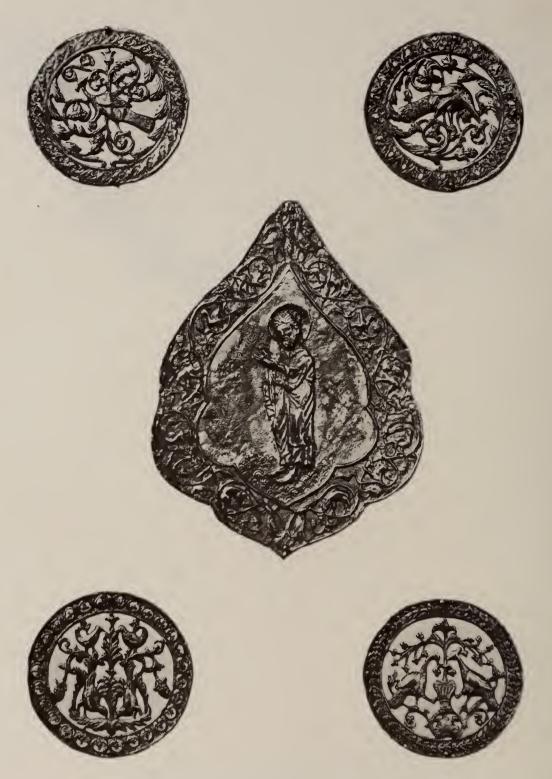
494. Enameled Gold Arm Band Set with Pearls and Diamonds
By Benvenuto Cellini [?], Italian, 1500-1571

7000 Composed of eleven plaquettes joined by gold links, alternately differing in shape and size; enameled in black, white and red.

Note: The decoration and the intricacy of the chiseled gold forming the setting for the stones show this circlet to have been fashioned for the upper arm; the ornamentation and the animalistic designs are distinctly Florentine in taste and preclude the possibility of its being mistaken for trans-Alpine workmanship. The finish and the entire style of the object are of such fine quality as to suggest the art of Cellini himself, whose artistry as a goldmith is to be remarked, for example, in the salt-cellars in the Vienna Museum. Many of the jewels attributed to Cellini may have been executed by the Florentine artists mentioned in his biography as having been his collaborators or assistants and who executed designs of his making; this bracelet however, because of its extreme elegance and by reason of the extraordinary ingenuity of its design, is given a superior claim to be considered an original work of the master's own hand.



No. 494. Enameled Gold Arm Band Set with Pearls and Diamonds



No. 495. Five Cisele and Enameled Gold Plaquettes

#### 495. Five Cisele and Enameled Gold Plaquettes

Byzantine, XII-XIII Century

Four circular medallions, with pierced gold ornamentation, exhibiting traces of enamel, displaying bird, jardiniere and floral designs, against a background enameled in azure and white; the fifth plaquette is of lobed leaf form, surrounded by a border of scrolling branches, enclosing various animalistic motives, centring the standing figure of St. John the Baptist (clearly identified by his iconographic type); the ground beneath his feet depicted by a series of imbrications, the background still showing traces of white enamel. His attitude, turned slightly toward the right, is identical with that of the Byzantine *Deesis*.

Note: It is possible that these gold plaquettes enriched the binding of a liturgic manuscript, even though the larger plaquette of the Baptist in the well-known attitude of the *Deesis* [prayer], suggests that this plaquette together with one of the Madonna may have flanked a central one with a representation of the Christ. The plaquettes therefore may have adorned a *teca* [reliquary]. The style is purely Byzantine; the ornamental designs as well as the figure of the Baptist of a period not preceding the twelfth century. The quality of the enamel and the type of the ornamentation are similar to those of the St. Marc in Venice [especially interesting the Mussulman influence in the shape of the larger plaquette] and persuade us to attribute these reliefs to the art of Byzantine goldsmiths in Venice. The refined style of the composition recalls the Byzantine *transenne*. The beautiful delicacy of the execution, the blending of the azure and white enamels and the whole *ensemble* of these plaquettes constitute a truly unique masterpiece of the Venetian-Byzantine workmanship of the XII-XIII century.

## FURNITURE OF THE XV, XVI AND XVII CENTURIES

496. CARVED WALNUT CARDINALIZIO SGABELLO

Tuscan, XVII Century

270.—The back elaborately carved with a Cardinal's coat of arms displaying an eagle; gadrooned and strap-scrolled pediment; on four solid scrolled diagonally placed legs.

[See illustration]



497. CARVED WALNUT CHILD'S CHAIR

The Marches, Siena, Late XVI Century

175—Back with two series of balusters; the legs and back supports carved a sguscio; chip carved, molded stretchers, and putto head finials.

[See illustration above]



No. 496. Carved Walnut Cardinalizio Sgabello



No. 501. CARVED WALNUT
READING STAND

498. CARVED WALNUT TOOLED AND GILDED LEATHER SIDE CHAIR Piedmontese, XVI Century

Quadrangular arms, arm supports extending into the legs, the two front ones columnar; H-stretcher at base. Back panel with oval central cartouche surrounded by scrollings, depicting Music and Literature in the side borders. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Molded top; the frieze with two drawers having carved edges, separated and flanked by acanthus-carved stiles which form box drawers; the body divided and flanked by classical pilasters; base with incised flute moldings; on large lion-claw feet.

Height, 3 feet 5 inches; length, 4 feet 8 inches

500. Carved and Parcel-Gilded Walnut Vitrine

Florentine, XVI Century

Molded and dentil-carved cornice, centred with a festooned amorino head; the Roman arched glazed door flanked by pilasters composed of two feminine caryatids terminating at the top in acanthus leaves and at the bottom in imbrications. Drawer in base with frontal panel finely carved with floral motives and coat of arms depicting a crowned eagle. The sides molded and carved with appliqued rosettes.

Height, 6 feet 9 inches; length, 3 feet 7 inches

501. CARVED WALNUT READING-STAND ON TRIANGULAR TABLE

Tuscan, XVI Century

Triangular top to table with flute-molded cornice and guilloche-motived frieze; on three volute-scrolled legs terminating in lion-paw feet. The read
//oo ing-stand, in the form of a lectern, is attached to the table and is adorned with volute-scrolled brackets; iron hooks at sides, volute-scrolled pediment supporting a forged iron L-shaped bracket for a hanging lantern; inlaid book-rest with the sun in splendor and sacred monogram. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Height, 6 feet 9 inches

## 502. CARVED WALNUT AND GILDED STUCCO CASSONE

Sienese, XVI Century
Rectangular, with molded top, on the interior of which is painted a seated
figure representing Justice, holding emblems, against a drapery and landscape background [School of Antonio Bazzi, called "Il Sodoma"]. Front
panel decorated with gilded stucco harpies flanked by palmette motives;
at the angles are four larger harpies, surmounted by mascarons in the frieze.
The frieze panel decorated with putto heads and dragons; the base panel
with shell motives flanking central mascaron. Side panels each centring
large mascarons. The interior of the cassone proper enriched with painted
foliage, with narrow box compartments at either end, each with cover,
which when opened serve to support the lifted cover of the cassone. [See
Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

[See illustration]

503. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET NURSING CHAIR

Sienese, XVI Century

Back with four balusters; block, balustered supports terminating in vaseshaped pinnacles; the pediment scrolled and centred with sunk molded rosette; blocked and balustered legs with balustered base stretcher; red velvet seat, trimmed with silk tasseled fringe.

504. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET NURSING CHAIR

Sienese, XVI Century

/ 0 5 Similar to the preceding, with slight difference in detail; back with five balusters.



No. 502. CARVED WALNUT AND GILDED STUCCO CASSONE



No. 505. Two Carved and Gilded Sgabello Pedestals

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Italian, XVII Century

The lyre-shaped supports carved with bold scrollings terminating in volutes, with central pendant husk motive and lion mask below; lavishly gilded; four lion-paw feet. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Note: Unusually rare specimens.

From the Castle of the Prince Don Francesco Massimo

506. Two Carved and Gilded Walnut Ruby Velvet Side Chairs

Florentine, XVII Century

High straight back; the median and top rails richly carved with baroque 420 motives, parcel-gilded; frontal stretcher and finials similar. Seat covered in lustrous ruby velvet.

[See illustration]

507. Two Carved and Gilded Walnut Ruby Velvet Side Chairs Florentine, XVII Century 420 . Similar to the preceding.

[See illustration]

508. Two Carved and Gilded Walnut Ruby Velvet Side Chairs Florentine, XVII Century 420. Similar to the preceding.

[See illustration]

509. CARVED WALNUT 'LEGGIO' OR WRITING CABINET

Florentine, XVI Century

Rectangular; molded base, carved with conventionalized leaf motives; canted lifting lid and rear gallery richly carved with foliage and volute-scrollings. Sides similarly carved to gallery, and all of the carving parcel-gilded. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Height, 1 foot 3 inches; length, 2 feet





No. 513. Carved Walnut Cabinet



510. PAIR CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET LOW CHAIRS

Florentine, XVI Century

Jobo Square legs, with richly carved frontal stretcher; acanthus-leaf carved finials; seat and back covered in crimson velvet, with silk tasseled fringe.

[See illustration above]

511. PAIR CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET LOW CHAIRS

Florentine, XVI Century

1060 Similar to the preceding.

512. PAIR CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET LOW CHAIRS

Florentine, XVI Century

10 50 Similar to the preceding.

Outset molded top with ovolo-carved frieze, having two drawers, separated by leaf-carved consoles. In correspondence with the consoles are pilasters which separate and flank the two doors below, ornamented with scrolled handles pendant from lion mask escutcheons. Molded base.

Height, 4 feet 3 inches; length, 6 feet 9 inches

- 514. CARVED WALNUT SAVONAROLA CHAIR Florentine, XVI Century
  With nine interlacing supports, pivoted so as to fold; scroll-carved backrail, and base rails terminating in lion-claw feet. [See Dr. yon Bode's introductory note.]
- 515. CARVED WALNUT SAVONAROLA CHAIR Florentine, XVI Century

  6 2 5 Similar to the preceding. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]
- 516. CARVED WALNUT SAVONAROLA CHAIR Florentine, XVI Century Similar to the preceding; with eight interlacing supports. [See Dr. von 625 Bode's introductory note.]
  - 517. CARVED WALNUT SAVONAROLA CHAIR Florentine, XVI Century Similar to the preceding. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]



No. 517. CARVED WALNUT SAVONAROLA CHAIR



No. 518. CARVED WALNUT WRITING TABLE

Rectangular; the top with molded edge and apron richly carved with gadroonings and acanthus leaf motives at the angles. Molded and volute-carved legs, joined by carved stretcher with imbrications at the ends. An example of elegant lines and splendid carving. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Length, 4 feet 7 inches; width, 2 feet 2 inches

### 519. SMALL CARVED AND INLAID WALNUT CREDENZA

Florentine, XV Century

Very simple design, with one sunk molded panel, flanked by two rectangles distinguished by an inlaid filetto; an inlaid filetto also surrounds the central panel and decorates the frieze and the base near the dado. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Height, 3 feet 8 inches; width, 3 feet 2 inches

From the Strozzi Family, Florence



No. 519. Small Carved and Inlaid
Walnut Credenza



No. 520. CARVED WALNUT SECRETARY-CABINET

520. CARVED WALNUT SECRETARY-CABINET A DEUX CORPS

Sienese, First Half of the XVI Century
The lower portion with two doors, each having a fine gadrooned central panel, flanked by two oblong panels carved with guilloche and foliage motives. The upper portion, forming the writing-cabinet, has interesting secret doors and a fall-front decorated with carvings so fine that they remind one of Lorenzo Marsini. In the frieze are three little cherubs' heads. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Note: The provenience of this fine piece of furniture—the residence of the Counts of Palmieri-Nuti, Siena—confirms its origin.

[See illustration]

521. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET NURSING CHAIR

Sienese, XVI Century

140 · Beautifully balustered carved back, with volute-carved finials to supports; molded box stretcher to legs. The seat covered in crimson velvet.

522. CARVED WALNUT TOOLED AND GILDED LEATHER ARMCHAIR

Piedmontese, XVI Century

Flat molded arms and quadrangular arm supports extending into similar legs; box stretcher at base and frontal stretcher above carved with a Savoy knot. Leather covered seat and panel to back of tooled and gilded leather, with central oval medallion displaying a vase filled with flowers surrounded by scrollings, and flanked in the side borders by figures representing Geometry and Astrology; carved acanthus-leaf finials to arm supports. Original condition. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

[See illustration]

523. CARVED WALNUT TOOLED AND GILDED LEATHER ARMCHAIR Piedmontese, XVI Century

J50 Similar to the preceding; the back panel with central cartouche and four floral medallions at the corners; figures representing Music and Literature. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]



No. 522. Carved Walnut Tooled and Gilded Leather Armchair



No. 524. Inlaid Walnut Chest of Drawers

Frame enclosing fourteen rectangular drawers of differing sizes. The sides of the frame and the panels of the drawers are decorated with inlay; and two side doors with the figures of St. Peter and St. Paul. Molded cornice above frieze with inscription: Spes mea in Deo et mater est. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Molded top, bracketed frieze with one long drawer. Beneath are doors flanked by fluted pilasters, surmounted by cartouches, and Doric columns at the angles; on claw feet. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Height, 2 feet 9 inches; length, 4 feet

From the Count Giannelli, Florence



No. 525. Carved Walnut Credenza



VELVET WALNUT ARMCHAIR WITH EMBROIDERED CEREMONIAL COVER [Sec Nos. 527-530]

526. CARVED WALNUT EMERALD-GREEN VELVET DANTESQUE CHAIR

Early XVI Century

Heavy scrolled arms and curved arm supports; legs with turned rosette

1800 at the intersection, pivoted so as to fold; valanced base rails ending in lionclaws; seat and back in emerald-green velvet, with loose seat cushion;
trimmed with gold embroidered damask galloon and green and gold
fringe. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

## [See illustration]

527. VELVET WALNUT ARMCHAIR WITH EMBROIDERED CEREMONIAL COVER Ligurian, XVI Century

The back and seat covered in crimson velvet and finished with gold fringe; ring-turned arms and legs, the arms terminating in carved lions' heads, the legs with a double frontal stretcher connected by five turned balusters and additional H-stretcher placed lower down. The patine is rare indeed, giving the appearance of bronze to the finely turned frames.

Note: Distinguishing features of this and the following three chairs are the exceedingly fine frames and the beautiful detachable ceremonial sets covering the backs and seats; they are in crimson silk embroidered with floral motives, cornucopiae and geometrical designs; in each seat is an oval medallion depicting one of the four evangelists; finished with gold galloon and gold tassels at the corners. These sets were used on gala occasions only, and are extremely handsome specimens of their resplendent type. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

## [See illustration]

528. VELVET WALNUT ARMCHAIR WITH EMBROIDERED CEREMONIAL COVER Ligurian, XVI Century

475 Similar to the preceding, having the same fine patine.

[See illustration]

529. VELVET WALNUT ARMCHAIR WITH EMBROIDERED CEREMONIAL COVER
Ligurian, XVI Century

475 Similar to the preceding, having the same fine patine.

[See illustration]

530. VELVET WALNUT ARMCHAIR WITH EMBROIDERED CEREMONIAL COVER Ligurian, XVI Century

775 Similar to the preceding, having the same fine patine.

[See illustration]

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531. PAINTED AND GILDED COFFRET

Sienese, XV Century

In gilt pastiglia, on an azure background. The decoration of leaves and 325 chimeric animals is under the influence of Northern art of the same period. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Length, 1 foot 5 inches; width, 8 inches

[See illustration]

532. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET NURSING CHAIR

Sienese, XVI Century

140 Molded front legs; back with series of balusters and shell-carved top rail; seat covered in crimson velvet.

533. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET LOW CHAIR

Sienese, XVI Century

3 2 5 Richly carved pediment centring a cartouche, with series of balusters below; acanthus-leaf carved finials; the two front legs with unusually finely carved rosettes at crests and richly carved frontal stretcher; seat in fine crimson velvet; fringed. Very scarce specimen.

[See illustration]

534. PAIR CARVED AND GILDED WALNUT SGABELLO STOOLS

Venetian, XVI Century

Oval; seat covered in red velvet; slightly cabriole legs elaborately scrolled, with similar valance; X-stretcher with pinnacle at the intersection.

Note: These stools are in themselves of an exceedingly rare type, and it is almost impossible to find them in so fine a state of preservation.

[See illustration]

535. PAIR CARVED AND GILDED WALNUT SGABELLO STOOLS

Venetian, XVI Century

6 6 Similar to the preceding.

See note to preceding number.



No. 531. Painted and Gilded Coffret



No. 533. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET LOW CHAIR



Pair Carved and Gilded Walnut
Sgabello Stools
[See Nos. 534 and 535]



No. 536. Carved Walnut Hanging Hatrack



No. 537. Carved Walnut 'Rangoni' Table

Molded, dentil-carved cornice; frieze with oval floral-carved plaquettes and four molded knobs for hanging; scrolled carved apron. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Height, 1 foot 6 inches; length, 4 feet 7 inches

From the Palace of Count Michelozzi, Florence

[See illustration]

Molded circular top, supported on three exceptionally fine legs, terminating in lion-paw feet, above which are boldly sculptured chimeric animal-heads supporting caryatids with outstretched wings connecting the legs. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Diameter of top, 4 feet 2 inches

Note: This magnificent table of the sixteenth century comes from the Marquis Rangoni's Palace in Modena and is well known as "the Rangoni table."

Massive rectangular top with molded edge; molded paneled frieze containing two drawers; carved bracketed corners; supported at either end on lyreshaped volute-scrolled legs, terminating in two lion-paw feet and centring fleurs-de-lys motives. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

From the Palace of Count Bianconcini, Bologna

[See illustration]

539. CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET DANTESQUE CHAIR

Early XVI Century

Heavy curved arm supports and legs, with carved rosette at the intersection, pivoted so as to fold; adorned with stellate imbrications in geometrical design; valanced base rails terminating in embryonic lion-claw feet; seat and back in crimson velvet, the latter with heavy tasseled fringe. An unusual specimen. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]



No. 539. Carved Walnut Crimson Velvet
Dantesque Chair



Carved Pearwood Prie-Dieu Armchairs
[See Nos. 540 and 541]

540. CARVED PEARWOOD PRIE-DIEU ARMCHAIR

Venetian, XVII Century

X-shaped scrolled side supports; seat and back covered in crimson velvet, with deep lobed tasseled fringe. The arms are hinged and lift, which together with the back transform the chair into a prie-Dieu. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

[See illustration]

541. Carved Pearwood Prie-Dieu Armchair

Venetian, XVII Century

475—Similar to the preceding. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

## 542. Two Green and Gilded Lacquer Embroidery Armchairs

Venetian, XVIII Century

Oblong back with oval inset of beautiful silk, embroidered in gold and silver threads with paillettes, displaying ribboned sprays of flowers; seats similarly embroidered; the spandrels with pierced gilded carving; tapering canalated legs, scrolled arms and arm supports; gilded. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

From the Gradenigo Family



No. 542. Two Green and Gilded Lacquer Embroidery Armchairs



No. 543. Carved Walnut Cassone

543. CARVED WALNUT CASSONE

Roman, XVI Century

Front panel with representation of a battle waged by armed horsemen; the bracketed base panel with richly carved festoons; supported on lion-paw feet, with leafage at the angles. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Note: The originality of the decorative details, the composition of the entire piece and the bold carving of the front panel, as well as its splendid state of preservation, place this cassone among the finest examples of Italian chests of the sixteenth century.

From the Palace of Count Erizzo

## 544. CARVED WALNUT SECRETARY-CABINET A DEUX CORPS

Tuscan, XVI Century

Upper portion with broken-arched gadroon-scrolled pediment centring the coat of arms of the original owner. Molded fall-front, with similar carved coat of arms to pediment, flanked by scrolled bracketed pilasters and opening to disclose nine drawers of differing sizes, adorned with bronze handles pendant from ram's-head escutcheons. In the centre of the interior is an architectural niche, with broken-arched pediment, and Doric columns flanking three small drawers. The columns and pediment to the niche open disclosing further secret drawers. The lower portion with molded top and long bracketed drawer in frieze, with two doors beneath opening to shelved compartment. Fluted pilasters flank the doors; on molded plinth. A most unusual example. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

From the residence of the Marquis Niccolini, Florence



No. 544. Carved Walnut Secretary-Cabinet



No. 545. Carved Walnut Table

545. CARVED WALNUT TABLE

Florentine, First Half of the XVI Century

Rectangular top, on two scrolled lyre-shaped end supports with base rails

terminating in lion-paws; finely molded cross stretcher. [See Dr. von Bode's

introductory note.]

Length, 6 feet 3 inches; width, 3 feet 5 inches

Note: The dignity and elegance of the design and the carving are distinctly Florentine of the first half of the sixteenth century.

From the Guicciardini Family

[See illustration]

546. CARVED WALNUT ARMCHAIR Florentine, XVI Century
Covered in crimson velvet, fringed; lion-paw feet and acanthus-leaf gilded
finials; straight molded arm supports.

850. - 546 A - Armchaur 850. - 546 B - Grmchaur 747. CARVED WALNUT DANTESQUE CHAIR Florentine, XVI Century Volute-scrolled arms, with incised dentil-carved outer edge, curule X-supports with rosette at the intersection; on valanced base rails. Back and seat covered in amethystine velvet. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

[See illustration]

An extremely fine example and a very individual design, owing to its pronounced and pure Florentine character. Below the dentil-molded cornice is a broad frieze exhibiting a checker-board carved motive; on lyre-shaped supports, joined by balustered stretcher.

From the Villa Rossi, Prato, near Florence



No. 548. CARVED WALNUT TABLE



No. 547. Carved Walnut Dantesque Chair



CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET STATE CHAIR [See No. 549]

549. PAIR CARVED WALNUT CRIMSON VELVET STATE CHAIRS

Florentine, XVII Century

/500 into similarly balustered legs; base rails terminating in curious lion-claw feet; seat and back covered in crimson velvet [in a fine state of preservation] bordered with red velvet galloon, fringed. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Note: It is no exaggeration to say that like examples of chairs—both as to quality and preservation—are not only extremely rare, but are almost impossible to be found at the present day.

From the Count Niccolini Family

Rectangular, with molded dentiled top. Deep frieze to front, carved with numerous *putti* singing and playing on various instruments; at either end two female heads. Two doors to front, each subdivided in three carved panels depicting the story of Suzanne. Divided by central pilaster, carved

panels depicting the story of Suzanne. Divided by central pilaster, carved with a caryatid at the top and fruit motives below; the pilasters flanking the doors with similar fruit motives, sporting *putti* and the like. On molded base; plain paneled sides. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]



No. 550. CARVED WALNUT CUPBOARD



No. 551. Green Lacquered and Gilded Armchair

551. GREEN LACQUERED AND GILDED ARMCHAIR

Venetian, XVIII Century

Open cartouche-scrolled back, scrolled arms and arm supports, on cabriole legs. The cartouche in the back richly carved with representation of a hound in an architectural landscape; the frame lacquered and gilded, displaying elaborate bouquet and trailing floral motives; the seat covered in floral damask. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

From the Gradenigo Family

[See illustration]

552. Green Lacquered and Gilded Armchair

Venetian, XVIII Century

300 Similar to the preceding. The cartouche in the back displaying a dolphin amongst rushes. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

From the Gradenigo Family

553. GREEN LACQUERED AND GILDED ARMCHAIR

Venetian, XVIII Century

Similar to the preceding. The cartouche in the back displaying architectural motive with classic urn. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

From the Gradenigo Family

The front displaying four volute scrolls, terminating at the top in rams' heads and at the lower end in dolphins' heads; the volutes are in pairs, each one centring the figure of a putto standing on a shell, and between the two pairs, dividing the panel, is a coat of arms, oval in shape, supported by two small demi-figures of putti; at the angles are also two putto caryatids. The cover richly carved with acanthus leaves and ovolo-carved edge. Base with gadroonings and acanthus-carved corners; resting on lion-paw feet. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

From the Count Golini Baldeschi



No. 554. Carved Walnut Cassone



Molded top and flute-carved frieze. The doors are flanked by massive flat pilasters, with carved rosettes. At the top are rectangular panels, within scrollings. Two front feet exceptionally well carved, displaying amorino heads. A splendidly designed piece, having a rich original patine. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Height, 3 feet 11 inches; length, 6 feet; width, 2 feet

From the Strozzi Palace, Florence

In two parts, with gocciolatoio-carved cornice above deep frieze adorned with a series of volute-scrolled and rosette-carved brackets, with dentil molding beneath. The two doors to the upper cabinet richly carved, each centring a large elliptical medallion depicting a mounted warrior, with elaborate trophies above and beneath; divided and flanked by fluted columns surmounted by Corinthian capitals. The lower outset cabinet with two carved drawers in frieze, and two doors below with panels centring oval medallions, similarly decorated to those in the upper portion; divided and flanked by carved pilasters surmounted by acanthus-carved brackets. Molded outset base; on flattened ball feet. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Height, 6 feet 6 inches; width, 4 feet 1 inch

Note: One of the most widely known pieces in the Collection.

From the Manzi Family of Lucca



No. 556. Carved Walnut Cabinet in Two Parts



No. 557. CARVED WALNUT CENTRE TABLE

Rectangular; the top with molded edge and carved apron; on lyre-shaped end supports richly carved with volutes, floral designs and central coat of arms, terminating in boldly carved lion-paw feet, the edges of the supports carved with imbrications and sgusci motives; vertical, molded stretcher with carved central floral panel. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Length of top, 6 feet 11 inches; width, 2 feet 10 inches

From the collection of Senatore Muratori

Front panel depicting a hunting scene; in the centre a wild boar is in the act of being overtaken by two dogs while two huntsmen are thrusting their spears at him; two horsemen are approaching from the right and two further horsemen, preceded and followed by servants, are advancing from the left. The background is of wooded hills, interrupted by trefoils. Resting on four lion-paw feet. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Note: Although the provenience of this chest is the house of Colonna, the outline and number of the trefoils of the background of the hunting scene would indicate the heraldic emblem of the Farnese family.

From the Prince Colonna

[See illustration]

Turned posts with ball finials and turned rails, gilded; baldacchino richly painted with a coat of arms; side drapes, valance to top and cover of silvery-blue floral damask, the valance lobed and fringed.

Height, 7 feet 10 inches; length, 6 feet 9 inches; width, 5 feet 3 inches Cover, 10 feet square



No. 558. CARVED WALNUT CASSONE



No. 560. Terra-cotta Bust of a Youth

## SCULPTURES

Beautifully modeled portrait of a youth of serene countenance, with long flowing hair, his head turned slightly to the left. He wears a hat with turned-up brim and a coat which is left open at the throat and has slashed sleeves. Life size.

Note: This bust has characteristics common to both Benedetto da Maiano and Andrea del Verrocchio; it is most probable, however, judging by the folds of the sleeves, that it is from the latter's workshop.

Note: The attribution for this bust is given as catalogued by Dr. De Nicola; in Dr. von Bode's opinion, however [See introductory note by Dr. von Bode], this terra-cotta is rather to be placed as a work of the Bolognese school of Francesco Francia [1450-1517].

## 561. PARCEL-GILDED 'PIETRA SERENA' BAS-RELIEF

Paduan, Late XV Century THE STORY OF CAIN AND ABEL. In the centre at the right Abel is seen in

the act of offering the sacrifice of a lamb upon the flaming altar and to the left of the altar Cain is offering a bundle of wheat-sheaves; Jehovah is portrayed from on high, His gaze turned toward Abel. At the extreme left Cain is seen with uplifted club, about to slay Abel, and at the right he is represented in the act of hunting, with bow and arrow, while a small Eve clings to him. Under a tree, at the other end of the relief, an old man is depicted, sleeping.

Height, 2 feet 6 inches; length, 5 feet 91/2 inches

Note: The rude strength of the figures would indicate Donatello as the inspirer of this work, but the details of the background, as for instance the trees with their hewn branches, from which tablets bearing inscriptions are hung, and the decorations of the sacrificial altar are more in the Venetian manner. The work is probably that of a Paduan follower of Donatello, toward the end of the fifteenth century.



No. 561. PARCEL-GILDED 'PIETRA SERENA' BAS-RELIEF



No. 562. Carved Pearwood Bust

562. Carved Pearwood Bust Lombardian, XVI Century Depicting a young woman of noble mien, with long curling locks; her bodice secured by a large brooch at her breast.

Height a foot a inches

Height, 1 foot 3 inches

563. GLAZED TERRA-COTTA GROUP

By Giovanni della Robbia, Florentine, 1469-1529

MADONNA AND CHILD. The Madonna, clad in white flowing robes and a

blue mantle, stands holding the Child in her right arm. He is dressed in
a loose garment and holds a rose in His left hand. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Height, 2 feet 51/2 inches



No. 563. Glazed Terra-cotta Group



No. 565. Terra-cofta Bust of a Man

564. Sculptured Marble Bust

Greek, IV Century B.C.

A youthful satyr, represented with goat's ears, tiny horns and tangled hair, laughs joyously.

Height, 1 foot 41/2 inches

Note: A beautiful example of Greek sculpture; its prototype, which this follows closely, is by Praxiteles, and represents the satyr carrying a little Amour on his shoulders.

565. TERRA-COTTA BUST OF A MAN

By Antonio Begarelli, Modenese, 1498-1565 Portrait of an unidentified bearded citizen; on carved and molded base.

Height of bust, I foot 6 inches; height of base, 61/2 inches

Note: The attribution of this bust is given as catalogued by Dr. De Nicola; in Dr. Bode's opinion, however [See introductory note of Dr. von Bode], this stucco is rather to be placed as a work of Francesco Giamberti da S. Gallo, known as Francesco da San Gallo [1494-1576].

566. POLYCHROMED STUCCO TONDO IN TABERNACOLO FRAME

By Michelozzo, Florentine, 1396 [?]-1472

MADONNA AND CHILD. The Madonna is portrayed at half-length, clad in a red robe and a blue mantle. She holds the Child in her left arm, the Infant clad in a red garment; gold background, surrounded by festoon of laurel leaves, tied with crimson ribbon.

Note: This stucco, after the marble *tondo* in the Mendelssohn collection in Berlin, has long been attributed to Michelozzo, collaborator of Donatello, and by whom the bas-relief is strongly inspired. The very fine tabernacolo was also evidently designed by Michelozzo.



No. 566. Polychromed Stucco Tondo in Tabernacolo Frame



No. 567. Pair Carved and Gilded Statuettes

567. PAIR CARVED AND GILDED STATUETTES Sienese, XV Century Richly draped standing figures, which probably originally, together with others, represented The VIRTUES. The attributes, however, have been entirely effaced owing to corrosion of the wood.

Height, 2 feet

Note: Notwithstanding the rather poor state of preservation there remains in the figures all the charm of Sienese art possessing the characteristics of Francesco di Giorgio Martini.

## [See illustration]

568. IMPORTANT MARBLE GROUP Venetian, XIV Century MADONNA AND CHILD. Beautiful standing figure of the holy Mother, wearing a robe and voluminous mantle, holding the Child in her left arm; the Child clasping a bunch of roses in His right hand.

Height, 2 feet 5 inches

Rote: The following is a transcript in regard to this marble group, from the Geschichte der Venezianischen Skulptur in XIV Jahrhundert [page 163 et seq.], by Dr. L. Planiscig, Vienna, 1916.

A few years ago an administrator of the Patriarcal Seminary of Venice brought a statuette of a Madonna to light from a dark corner of an unused part of a house and placed it in the Museum of the Seminary, a typical example of sculpture of the Trecento. The Madonna stands erect and is carved on all sides; with the left hand she holds the partially draped Child, who clutches with one hand at His Mother's breast, and in the other hand He holds a dove. Like the Griphalcono Madonna-with which this Madonna has many traits in common—the drapery about the head does not terminate in a clasp at the breast, but falls with light, increasingly deep folds to the abdomen, and is there caught up by the Virgin in her left hand. In many places the folds of the garment are very rich; especially at the right, where they first fall straight down, and then characteristically turn up and form so-called "eyes" in the typical manner of the beginning of the late Gothic period. The tunic lies flat on the breast and terminates under the mantle in one broad well proportioned graceful fold. We are in the presence of an example of Venetian sculpture which, from a superficial examination, appears to be foreign—exotic—and far removed from the advanced stage of development. How distant is this Madonna from the Tuscan-Pisan art! A comparison with the Arena Madonna of Giovanni shows a certain likeness in contour, and on the other hand a marked difference in the treatment of the details.

We can assert that this Madonna has nothing more than superficialities in common with the works which followed the original type of Giovanni, and which developed a style toward the end of the Duecento, not only in Tuscany and throughout Italy, but also in the home of Gothic sculpture, i.e., France. On the other hand it seems that the trend given by Tuscan models to art in France, the country of the highest development in sculpture, during the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, had in turn a decided influence upon our example and the group to which it belongs through several different channels. As the French influence first brought life and possibilities of developing

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the Renaissance movement to the Pisans, it tended to deflect them from a mere further adherence to following the old forms of art and inspired them to begin a new study of nature [which really in its dissemination throughout single bottegas led to a certain type similar to the art of the Giottists in relation to Giotto], so it appears in our case; a hundred years later, from French sculpture—which in the meantime itself had found nourishment from Pisan art—the Pisan sculpture received a "wave" of influence, as previously had been the case in Tuscany, and there appeared a regenerative element in their sculpture which since the time of the De Sanctis bottega had more or less adopted the rather flat type of Venetian sculpture. The ways and means of this influence remain to us, as to Giovanni Pisano, a closed book. We must however recognize facts; even though the channels and their ramifications are unknown, the monuments of these inspirers have been preserved, which collectively constituted a source for the building of a style.

A Madonna with the Child in the Louvre, which may be said to be a contemporaneous work with our example, shows this French-Pisan relationship most clearly. Similar is the draping of the garments, i.e. in each fold of the mantles, which fall from the shoulder to the body and from there hang vertically straight, and again, by means of their being caught up, show a break; at the right they are more decidedly rolled up and then fall straight to the ground; similarly too, each cluster of rolled folds at the left of the mantles, and the wide folds forming one sweep to the tunics, where they emerge from the mantles, fall to the ground. But also, aside from single details, the similarity of the two works is a fundamental one; in the ensemble, in the "swing," in the position of the arms, in the genre motive of the Child, Whose two hands are busied, and in the features of the Madonna. One must observe the form of the mouth and chin, of the eyelids, the two wrinkles about the nose, then that difficult to define sidewise smile, which constitutes an "archaic" trait of the XII and XIII centuries, and which is foreign to the classic solemnity of Tuscan sculpture. On the other hand that same smile appeared in the figures of the Carrara tombs [Madonnas and angels in the corners], although these are more closely allied with Tuscan art than with the French art of the same epoch. One could more readily call the smiling quality of the Carrara tomb figures "archaic" than that of our Madonna. Here it is not of importance, although it gives the face a remarkably serene, placid expression. Something of the same quality was already observed in the right figure of the Arsendi monument at Padua.

The similarity in style of the figure of the Patriarcal Seminary with contemporary French examples, namely the Madonnas of the so-called Paris School [from the multitude of which only one has here been chosen for mention], is so convincing that one can really believe that our work is in no case a Venetian one, but was, through one knows not what circumstance, like so many others brought to the city of the lagoons. This opinion would be justified if there were not other examples, which are in parts connected with the architecture, known with certainty to emanate from a Venetian background, and yet betraying marked characteristics of the foreign influence. Indeed, in these examples there are strong native elements mingled with the imported French ones; without the knowledge of works, quite similar in style to our Madonna, it would be unthinkable to place them as Venetian under French influence. If one compares our group with the previously mentioned Madonna of the Griphalcono, with the above mentioned sarcophagi and architectural figures of Venetian provenience this whole question will become quite clear.



No. 568. Important Marble Group



No. 570. Carved Wood Panel

569. Sculptured Marble Relief

School of Jacopo della Quercia, XVI Century

100.—The prophet. With classically draped tunic and mantle, standing on cloud forms, holding a scroll. Carved in *alto-rilievo*.

Height, 1 foot 51/2 inches; width, 7 inches

Note: The form and dimensions of this marble and its subject lead one to think that this prophet was a detail of the decoration of a door post. Its execution is that of a pupil of Jacopo della Quercia-somewhat crude but of great strength.

570. CARVED WOOD PANEL Oriental, X-XI Century Probably the front panel of a chest. Composed of two groups of four circular formelle, the groups divided by three vertical carved stiles. The four

700 upper formelle represent, in the two left panels, facing peacocks; and the two right panels are occupied by distinguished personages. In the four lower formelle lions and gryphons are depicted.

Height, 1 foot 4 inches; length, 4 feet 11/2 inches

571. TERRA-COTTA BUST By Lorenzo di Credi, Florentine: 1459-1537 PORTRAIT OF A YOUNG WOMAN. With head inclined slightly to the right, wearing a dress open at the throat and a mantle depending from her right shoulder, while her tresses fall both in the back and at the front of the figure. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Height, 1 foot 6 inches

Note: The prototype of this bust is by Verrocchio, called the Lady with the Bunch of flowers, in the Bargello Museum. In the style, expression and modeling they are very similar, but in this one we observe a more temperate follower of Verrocchio. Of the artists who worked in the bottega of Verrocchio, whence this bust undoubtedly came, the most probable sculptor is Lorenzo di Credi, whom we know to have been a sculptor as well as a painter.



No. 571. TERRA-COTTA BUST



No. 572. CARVED AND POLYCHROMED STUCCO GROUP

## 572. CARVED AND POLYCHROMED STUCCO GROUP

By Nino Pisano, [?]-1368

MADONNA AND CHILD. Half-length figure of the holy Mother, holding the smiling Child in her left arm.

Height, 2 feet; width, 1 foot 61/2 inches

Note: This stucco is derived from a marble decoration in one of the lunettes of the Companile of Giotto in Florence, which is situated in that wall of the Campanile facing Santa Maria del Fiore. The only divergence between the marble and the stucco consists in the decoration of the haloes, which is richer in the stucco. A comparison of this stucco with the Madonna by Nino Pisano in the little church of La Spina at Pisa will convince anyone that this is a work, hitherto unknown, by Nino himself.

Note: The attribution for this group is given as catalogued by Dr. De Nicola; in Dr. Bode's opinion, however [See introductory note of Dr. von Bode], this stucco is rather to be placed as a work of Alberto Alberti, flourished 1366-1378.

Our

573. Sculptured Marble Statue of a Martyr

By Piero di Giovanni Tedesco, Flourished 1386-1402 St. PRASSEDE [?]. Standing figure, dressed in a tunic and mantle, the latter caught up in her left hand. Her gaze is turned upward, and she holds the symbol of her martyrdom, a stone in her right hand. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Height, 3 feet 11 inches

Note: Piero di Giovanni Tedesco is the sculptor of this noble and original statue. One is convinced of its authorship by comparing it with the authenticated statue by Tedesco portraying St. John the Baptist, which originally adorned the niche of the Silkworkers' Guild in Or San Michele, Florence, and today is in the Museum of the Ospedale degli Innocenti. This statue must have been a detail of the decoration of the ancient façade of the Duomo in Florence, and at the time of the demolition of the façade in the sixteenth century, when many of its statues and statuettes were allotted to different courts and gardens of Florentine palaces, this one was assigned to Castello di Vincigliata, from whence it comes. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

From the Castello di Vincigliata





No. 573. Sculptured Marble Statue of a Martyr



No. 574. Sculptured Marble Statue of an Archangel.

Out

574. Sculptured Marble Statue of an Archangel

By Tino da Camaino, [?]-1339

Standing figure, leaning toward the right side as though weighed down by an unseen burden on his shoulders. He is clad in a robe richly decorated with feathers, and his cloak is fastened together with a clasp. The rear is left unfinished.

Height, 2 feet 11 inches

Note: The position of the figure and the incision visible at the back of the head show clearly that it was one of several figures which supported the sarcophagus of a tomb or funeral monument. The type of monument referred to originated in Rome, by Arnolfo; it was developed in Tuscany by Tino da Camaino, and was adopted by the schools of Naples and its environs. The style of the sculpture, in any case, indicates very clearly the hand of Tino da Camaino at the period when he was greatly influenced by Giovanni Pisano.

From the Castello di Vincigliata

Out

575. Sculptured Marble Group of an Archangel and a Bishop By Tino da Camaino, [?]-1339

The Angel is seen in profile, standing, with one hand on his breast, in the act of adoration, while the other hand rests on the bishop's shoulder. The bishop is depicted in his ecclesiastical robes, kneeling, with his hands crossed on his breast, his gaze turned in the same direction as that of the angel.

Height, 2 feet 8 inches

Note: There is no doubt as to this being a work of Tino da Camaino, and it must have been a detail of the tomb or funeral monument of which the preceding figure formed a part. The kneeling bishop probably represents the deceased, whom the angel is presenting to the Virgin. Groups of this type were generally placed in similar monuments, above the mortuary chamber, as for example in the monument by Tino da Camaino to Bishop Petroni in the Siena Cathedral. If the device on the gloves worn by the bishop and the buckle in the archangel's cloak have any heraldic significance, they may perhaps be the armorial bearings of the Albizzi family, and this monument may well have been to the memory of Bishop Albizzi. Like the preceding, it comes from the Castello di Vincigliata.

From the Castello di Vincigliata



No. 575. Sculptured Marble Group of an Archangel and a Bishop



No. 576. Polychromed and Gilded Stucco Bas-relief in Tabernacolo Frame

576. POLYCHROMED AND GILDED STUCCO BAS-RELIEF IN TABERNACOLO
FRAME
By Luca della Robbia, Florentine, 1400-1482
MADONNA AND CHILD. The holy Mother is portrayed at half-length, holding the nude Child to her bosom. The Child, in the attitude of prayer, turns His gaze heavenward. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]

Height, 2 feet 6 inches; width, 2 feet

Note: Not only is this a very rare stucco but it is a fine example of polychromatic preservation, especially in the gilded robe, the blue mantle, the white and azure veil and the decorated background. The attribution of this relief to Donatello would not be very convincing. A fineness of form and feeling would rather suggest Luca della Robbia at the brief period in which his style was quite similar to that of Donatello.

577. POLYCHROMED AND GILDED STUCCO AND PAPIER-MACHÉ TONDO
By Benedetto da Maiano, 1442-1497

MADONNA AND CHILD. Seated half-length figure of the Madonna, looking toward the Child, Who is in the act of blessing, and Whom she holds with her right arm. The group stands out in relief from a background with seraphim and a crown against the sky. The gilded frame is a solid piece with the tondo, and represents a festoon entwined with ribbons.

Diameter, 2 feet 9 inches

Note: The prototype of this relief, which has been fashioned in stuccos, terra-cottas and even in glazed terra-cottas, must have been of marble [and lost at the present time] by Benedetto da Maiano. It would be impossible to imagine, however, that any other of the works inspired by the original marble could give us so accurate an idea of the original as does this one, which, including the perfect preservation of the polychroming, is truly exceptional. [See Dr. von Bode's introductory note.]



No. 577. Polychromed and Gilded Stucco and Papier-mache Tondo



No. 578



No. 579



No. 580

CARVED AND GILDED PANELS

578. CARVED AND GILDED PANEL

Roman, First Half of the XVI Century

HORATIUS COCLITES AT THE BRIDGE. In the centre of the bridge Horatius is seen mounted on a charger; a group of soldiers on the right is offering resistance to the attack of his soldiery, while on the left another group of soldiers is hewing down the bridge.

Height, 93/4 inches; length, 1 foot 71/4 inches

Note: A beautiful panel, which probably, together with the two following panels, served to decorate a Roman chest in the first half of the sixteenth century.

[Companion to the following]

[See illustration]

579. CARVED AND GILDED PANEL

Roman, First Half of the XVI Century

CORIOLANUS RECEIVING HOMAGE. Coriolanus is seen surrounded by his soldiers receiving gifts brought by a procession of women.

Height, 101/4 inches; length, 1 foot 61/2 inches

[Companion to the preceding and following]

[See illustration]

580. CARVED AND GILDED PANEL

Roman, First Half of the XVI Century

CLELIA FORDING THE STREAM. Clelia is swimming her charger across the Tevere to offer herself as a sacrifice to the enemy in order to redeem the two hundred maidens who were held as hostages. A group of women on the right is seen near the camp, and another group is seated on the left.

Height, 93/4 inches; length, 1 foot 71/4 inches

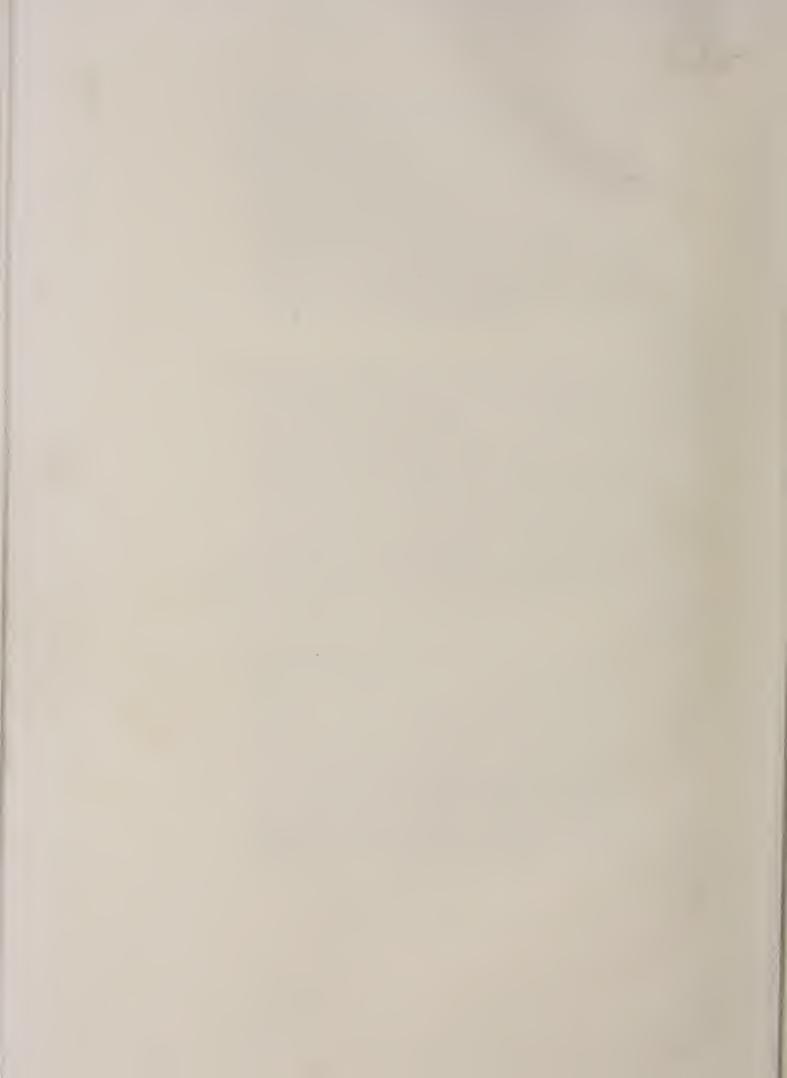
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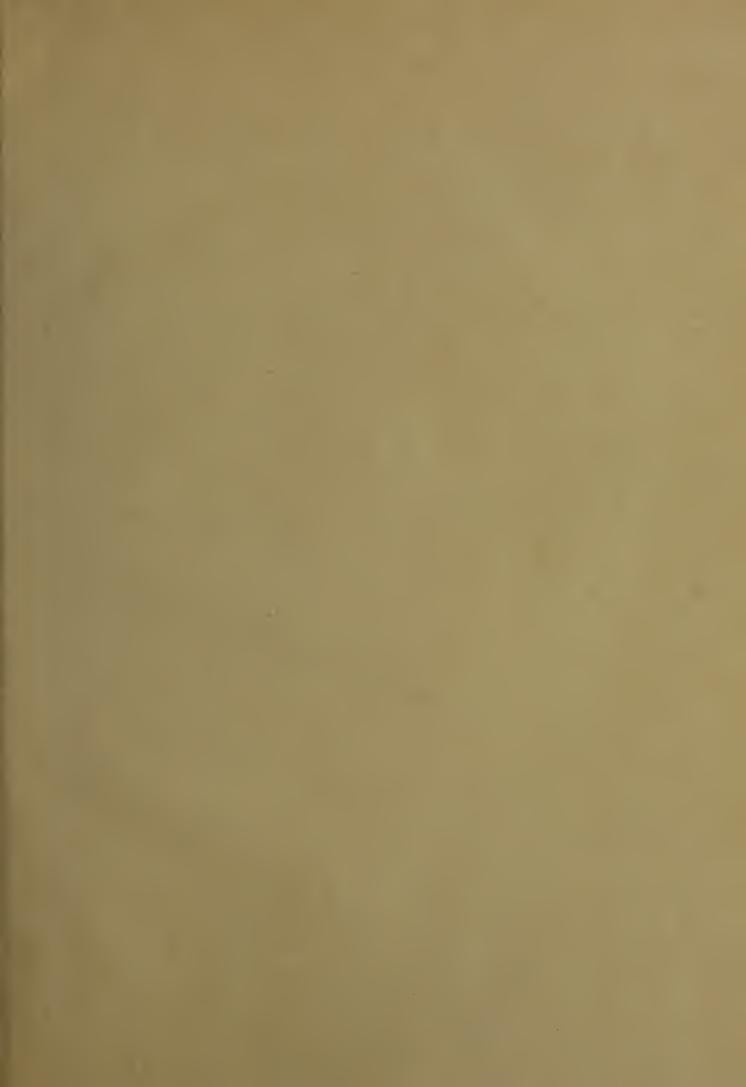
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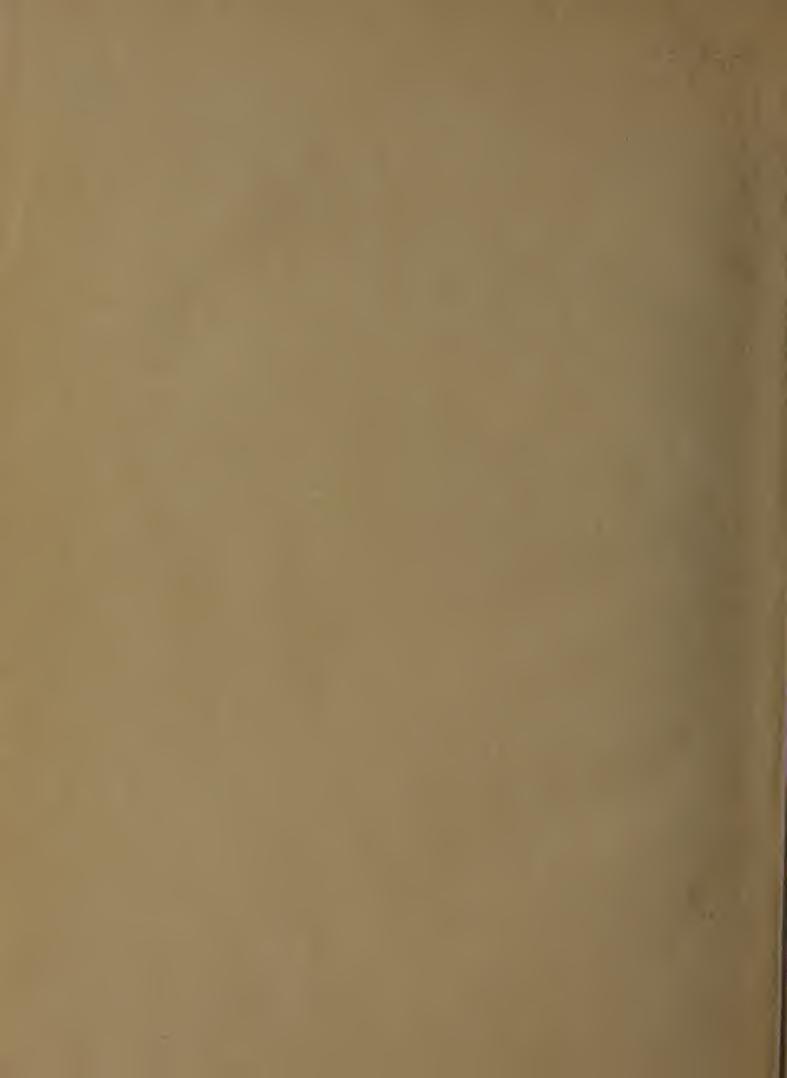


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